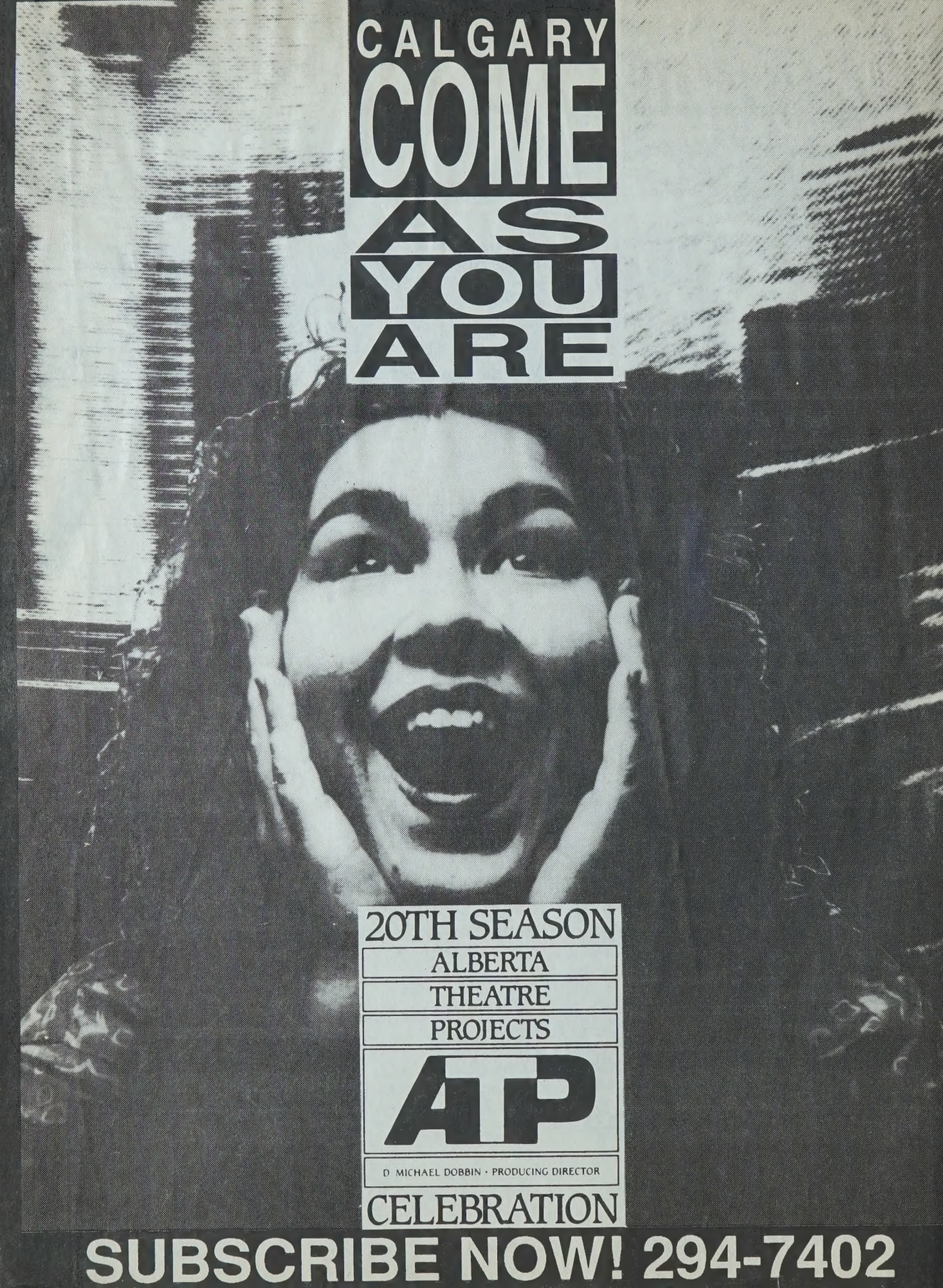
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Shannon (Bambi) at Calgary's Pride Rally
Photo By Jude Stewart

GAY RIGHTS WEEK

By Jude Stewart
Calgary

The fact that Gay Rights Week (June 16–22) was officially proclaimed by the City of Calgary is in itself a reason to celebrate.

That it succeeded as well as it did is actually incredible.

The week's events, a concert, dances, sports events, and the now famous Speak Sebastian Awards, were for the most part sold out. The main events, the rally and march, were attended by at least 400 people including men and womyn from the leather scene, drag queens (though I do hope to see more next year), and your usual assortment of fags and dykes.

Unfortunately the dykes on bikes were almost non-existent. Perhaps more time was needed to organize, or maybe the jock-dykes were a little shy. Well, whatever the reason this time around, maybe next year we'll see a contingent.

Speakers at the rally were quite effective in voicing the issues of Gay Rights Week while stressing the importance of pride and the celebration of diversity.

NDP member of parliament, ***Svend Robinson*** talked about coalition building within our community as being one of the most effective means of working towards our two ultimate goals. For those who can't remember, they are:

1) Amending the Human Rights Code to include sexual orientation.

2) The recognition of relationships in law for all purposes.

As well, there were speakers from such groups as CLAGPAG, Project Pride, CLUB Calgary, LGYC, P-FLAG,and many others. They managed to once again



A HUGE SUCCESS

hit home with the importance of working towards equality. Some actually managed to be a little entertaining.

Entertainment was provided by Toronto blues artist *Faith Nolan* and Calgary's *Peggy Ward*. The Rocky Mountain Singers also made a stage appearance. They just seem to be getting better and better all the time.

All performers were very good though the combination of rain and high energy excitement made people a little anxious to get the parade underway.

If you missed this year, be sure to get there for the next. Picture 400 people marching down the 8th Avenue strip chanting queer slogans and actually feeling safe enough to hold hands or kiss their lovers. A sight to be seen and participated in, for sure.

The day of the parade and rally was topped off with an exceptional evening of entertainment – the *Faith Nolan* concert. Never before have I been so impressed with a performer whose music I was unfamilar with. Expecting nothing more than a 'nice' concert, I was blown away with Nolan's musical abilities, as well as her stage persona. She is incredibly spontaneous and full of humor (actual good-natured jokes about our community) while still managing to address such important issues as gay rights, racism, sexism and peace. Opening for Nolan was local musician *Peggy Ward*, whose musical reputation has been well established within Calgary's gay and lesbian community for quite some time.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been a "public" gay man since 1977 when I arrived in Calgary with my lover to start Metropolitan Community Church of Calgary.

I was on radio, and was written about in both city newspapers, and, of course, in a certain right wing magazine. Never been on T.V. though.

All this said, however, I am not the political type. I have stayed away from most rallies and marches. In fact, I've only been to two other rallies in my life -- one at Queens Park in Toronto and one in Washington D.C., across from the White House.

Several years ago, I was at the forefront against holding a rally/march in Calgary. One reason was that gay people had relatively few problems in this city; discrimination seemed to be very isolated. I also knew that the majority of gay and lesbian people back then were passionately private about their sexuality, so a rally/march would have attracted very few participants. Another reason was that all of our organizations rarely got along with each other.

Since then I've changed my mind.

Why? I believe our community has matured. We have, since the early 80's brought us AIDS, become more aware about ourselves and each other. We have become much more aware of things political.

As I stood at city hall on June 16, I was proud. Proud of our mayor for the proclamation he made; even more proud that the gay community of Calgary had come of age. Our organizations work closer than ever (although there is still room for improvement) and that is great to see.

As a trustee of the ISCCA, I was proud to see our Emperor Chris and Empress Tiffany lead the march.

The speeches and singing at the rally were great, the highlight of course was the speech by Svend Robinson. The only thing I felt was missing was someone to speak on behalf of the Christian gay community. Maybe next year!

As a Christian, I was embarrased to see the protestors with their total disregard for the rights of others. Their misuse -- no abuse -- of scripture verses annoyed me to no end. The cause of Christ was in no way helped by people spreading such hate. I pity them for their hardness and I pray for them.

As I marched with my sisters and brothers, I was subdued. I didn't shout out with the various chants. I was almost in tears at one point! Being up at the front of the march, I was able to see the mass of people marching as we turned corners. It was awe-inspiring!

A big thank you to the organizers for their hard work putting this together. I look forward to next year, anticipating an even bigger turnout.

Lloyd Greenway
Calgary

Dear Editor:

I'm a nineteen year old University of Calgary student. I've been "out" since September, mostly due to the incredible people at GLASS, and have had extremely positive experiences with my friends and family.

In February, CLAGPAG gave a "political awareness" presentation to GLASS, in which they described their own unbelievable stories of discrimination. Although I've lived through the early teenage torment that most gay and lesbian people do, I've never really experienced the things that the CLAGPAG people were speaking of.

Only a few days later, I was reminded of their words, their anger, and the fact that we all are at risk of being discriminated against. I was living in rez [sic] and had done some visible activities with GLASS on campus. Coming home one night, a group of drunk guys started yelling homophobic things at me, and, being unprepared for this, I didn't know how to handle it. Unfortunately, I did not report my experience to the harassment committee at the U of C. At that moment, I felt so frustrated and infuriated. They were only words, but what right does anyone have to say things like that to me?

So, instead of taking immediate action, I wrote a poem in the height of my anger that night. It wasn't a very polished piece of work, but it was full of emotion when I scrawled it out.

...AGLP is seriously needed in our community and it has a lot of quality. I especially like the coverage and interaction you have with the community groups.

Yours, in energy and unity,
Craig A. Reimer
Calgary

AIDS Poster Exhibition

(EDMONTON) An AIDS poster exhibition directed at heightening awareness in creative and innovative ways is on display in Edmonton from June 28th-July 10th.

The international exhibition focuses on both the erotic and anti-erotic approaches to life with issues in particular dealing with safer sex, social tolerance, and research funding.

Visual AIDS is on display at three places during *The Works*; **The Metropolitan Building, The Pheonix Theatre**, and **Flashback Night Club**.

Gay Men's Survey

(EDMONTON) An educational gay men's survey will be distributed in Edmonton during July in an attempt to examine awareness on HIV and AIDS.

The AIDS network questionnaire focuses on how and where gay men have received HIV and AIDS information up to present, and asks for suggestions for possible alternative locations in the future.

The survey will be helpful in establishing new educational programs and will provide insight into the diversity of the gay men's community of Edmonton.

AIDS Exhibition

(CALGARY) An exhibition of **Andy Fabo** originals will be on display this month in Calgary at **Truck: An Artist Run Centre**, July 5 through July 28.

The exhibition on display is a re-mounting of an exhibition that was curated by **Karen Schoonover** for the Rosemont Art Gallery in Regina in September 1990.

Fabo layers large-scale drawings on translucent mylar over community based AIDS prevention posters and brochures. The blueprint doubling of the images is intended as an analogue for human temporality, as blueprints deteriorate visibly over time. The exhibition stands as witness to the AIDS epidemic, from the view of a gay man.

Lyphomed Cuts Pentamidine Price

By Rex Wockner

The Lyphomed pharmaceutical company, based in suburban Chicago, has cut the price of its monopoly AIDS drug pentamidine by 20 percent.

The announcement came just weeks after the company was denounced by the New York City Office of Consumer Affairs for "gross overcharging" on the drug.

HIV-positives inhale pentamidine to prevent *Pneumocystis Carinii* pneumonia, the most common infection to kill persons with AIDS.

Chief Executive Officer **Brian Tambi** said the company was able to lower the price "without adversely affecting our research programs because of capital made available by our parent company...and its strong commitment to being a partner with the AIDS community in the battle against this dreaded disease."

Lyphomed has always claimed that pentamidine's admittedly high price offset research and development costs, but the New York consumer agency charged that Lyphomed had released "inconsistent and incredible" information on its research expenses and that "the original clinical study on aerosolized pentamidine was not even conducted by Lyphomed."

The company raised the price of a dose of pentamidine from $25 to $99.45 when the AIDS epidemic began. The new wholesale price of $79 is still about triple the cost of pentamidine in Europe. Lyphomed continues to refuse to open its books to AIDS activists, the media or consumer agencies.

Lyphomed's government-granted monopoly on aerosol pentamidine runs until 1996 but HIV-positives will be able to buy cheap generic pentamidine starting in October.

That's when Lyphomed's monopoly on its older injectable pentamidine, sold to treat rather than prevent PCP, expires. The injectable and aerosol versions of the drug are, in fact, identical, except for the label on the aerosol product, which explains how to convert the liquid drug into a mist.

AIDS doctors say they already known how to do that and don't need to pay an extra $50 per dose for Lyphomed's label.

Lyphomed received the monopolies under the Orphan Drug Act, which gives seven years' exclusive rights to companies which agree to develop drugs that are expected to be needed by fewer than 200,000 Americans.

Arrest Statistics Alarm British Gays

By Rex Wockner

During the 1980s, more than 25 000 men in England and Wales were convicted on charges related to homosexuality, according to new statistics obtained by *Capital Gay*.

The convictions resulted in 2,561 prison sentences, some as long as five years, even though most of the men would not have been prosecuted if their partner had been female.

The offenses included buggery, gross indecency between men, procuring others to commit homosexual acts, and solicitation by a man. In most all cases, the behavior involved mutual consent.

Gross indecency is sex or affection with men ages 16–21, sex between three or more men, and sex or affection in public places.

Procuring is when one man does something that makes it easier for two other men to have sex--such as publishing a newspaper with personal ads, operating a gay bar, or merely introducing two men who later have sex. Solicitation means "to importune in a public place for immoral purposes." It includes cruising, what the British call "chatting up," and such things as exchanging telephone numbers.

In the final analysis, men-who-have-sex-with-men risk arrest in Britain unless their cruising, pass-making, affection and sex acts take place in private between no more than two people over age 21.

Further, under a recent court ruling, in a case dubbed "Operation Scanner," all sadomasochistic sex, even in private among adults, is now illegal in Britain. Judge **James Rant** declared last Dec. 15 that British citizens have no right to be "cruel" to each other in bed. Eight victims of Operation Scanner, which targeted men who ordered sex videos from abroad and taped their own at home, were sentenced to up to 4 ½ years in prison.

Meanwhile, for people in the British military, all gay sex remains illegal. New statistics show that 48 men and 26 women were dismissed from the armed forces in 1990 for "homosexuality or homosexual behaviour." Six were "dismissed with disgrace" following courts-martial. They spent between three and 18 months in prison.

There is one bit of good news from the U.K. this month. Under heavy fire, the government deleted recently added Paragraph 16 of the Department of Health regulations, which essentially banned gays and lesbians from being foster parents.

In announcing the move, Minister **Virginia Bottomley** said: "The overriding consideration in decisions about fostering must be the welfare of children. Never should consideration about the best available option for the child be secondary to ideological preoccupations."

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400 At European Lesbian Conference

By Rex Wockner

Three weeks before the heated confrontations about racism during Atlanta's National Lesbian Conference, European lesbians tackled the issue in depth at the five-day International Lesbian Information Service annual conference, held this year in Barcelona, Spain.

More than 400 lesbians from nearly every East and West European nation attended the gathering. Racism within the lesbian community was placed at the top of the agenda.

Separate workshops were held for women of color and whites, followed by joint evening sessions to map out anti-racism strategies.

Controversy emerged over use of the Spanish word "negra" and the conference adopted the word "Zami" instead to refer to black women. ("Zami" was introduced in feminist circles in the early '80s by author **Audre Lorde**. It means women who work together as friends and lovers, according to Lorde, who learned the word from her Caribbean mother.)

On other fronts, as in Atlanta, lesbians with children and old lesbians charged that the conference was insensitive to their needs.

The lesbian peace movement was another hot topic, with Spanish feminist-lesbians promoting it as their top agenda item. Unlike in Atlanta, there were no fist-fights between pacifists and lesbians serving in the armed forces.

There were some lighthearted moments to balance the politically correct atmosphere. Delegates were startled when two nuns entered one of the evening sessions.

It turned out they were actresses from Madrid who had arrived to perform at the final party, where, to the sounds of flamenco and wild applause, they threw off their habits.

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Gallo Finally Admits Virus Came From France



Dr. Robert Gallo
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By Rex Wockner

Chief U.S. AIDS researcher **Dr. Robert Gallo** admitted last month that the strain of HIV he used to develop the U.S. HIV-antibody test in 1984 originated in the laboratory of French AIDS researcher **Luc Montagnier.**

But Gallo says people who think he purposely made use of the fast-growing virus Montagnier had sent him to study are wrong. Montagnier's virus accidentally contaminated Gallo's own weaker strain of HIV in Gallo's lab in late 1983, he said.

Since the French virus was stronger, Gallo said, it drowned out his strain--a theoretically possible but rare occurrence.

Rumors and news articles over the past seven years have suggested that Gallo purloined Montagnier's strong virus and then took credit himself for finally being able to mass-produce HIV in the lab.

The allegations persisted because of the genetic identicalness of Gallo's HIV (HTLV-3b) and Montagnier's HIV (LAI), which are now said to have been one and the same.

"[This] dispels any notion that [Gallo and his associates] had in some way, even unwittingly, stolen the French virus," said **Dr. Howard Streicher,** Gallo's personal assistant.

"We have spent too much effort in non-essential debate over this issue [and] the argument should now be over."

Probably not.

Gallo is still being formally investigated by the National Institutes of Health's Office of Scientific Integrity and insiders, speaking privately, say Gallo's latest version of the events of late 1983 is not supported by his own lab records.

Among the questions inestigators are asking is whether Gallo had in fact been able to grow HIV (HTLV-3b) at all prior to receiving LAI from France.

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Death Threats Force Cancellation Of ILGA Conference

Government officials go all out to stop gathering

By Rex Wockner

Following threats of violence from right-wing groups and aggressive attacks from government officials, the 13th World Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association, scheduled for June 30-July 6 in Guadalajara, Mexico, was cancelled in mid-June.

The move led to demonstrations at Mexican embassies and consulates worldwide.

At press time, conference organizers said they were continuing to receive telephoned death threats from "paramilitary ultra-right-wing Catholic groups."

"We did not feel we could guarantee the physical safety of delegates," said organizer Jorge Romero Mendoza of the ***Grupo Orgullo Homosexual de Liberacion*** [GOHL], or Homosexual Pride Liberation Group.

Guadalajara Mayor **Gabriel Covarrubias Ibarra** publicly stated that he would not provide police protection for the conference and threatened to have all the delegates arrested for "immoral behavior" upon their arrival in the city.

The governor of the state of Jalisco and the mayor of surrounding Zapopan County also promised to take "whatever steps necessary" to prevent the conference.

Zapopan Mayor **Nicolas Orosco** forced the Hotel Azteca Internacional to cancel ILGA's reservation and Orosco and Covarrubias Ibarra decreed that any other hotel that transacted business with the group would be shut down by police.

The local officials' actions came despite public support for the conference from Mexican President **Carlos Salinas de Gortari** and the National Human Rights Commission--and despite guarantees in the Mexican Constitution of U.S.-style freedom of assembly.

Strong opposition also came from numerous Catholic-identified associations, which staged a major rally in front of the cathedral and published paid inserts in daily newspapers aggressively denouncing homosexuals.

Catholic groups and conservative civic organizations had been organizing against the conference since it was announced nearly a year ago--generating more than 100 articles in the local daily newspapers.

They went by such names as the Moral, Civic and Material Association of Guadalajara; The Social Union of Mexican Business Leaders; and the State Families Association. **Romero Mendoza** said he had never heard of many of the groups prior to the conference controversy.

Conference organizers welcomed most of the publicity, despite its frequently sensational and anti-gay tone.

"We definitely moved from the crime section to the front page," said **Romero Mendoza**, "and that is a great, great success. It has never happened before.

"We are in the most-important sections of the radio and TV and the papers. There are editorials everywhere talking about us as human beings, as citizens, not as 'antisocials' and sinners, as was the case before.

"Everybody is talking about gays and lesbians and their rights," he said.

Romero Mendoza and GOHL co-organizer **Pedro Preciado** said they were "very sad and depressed" about the loss of the conference but ecstatic over the extensive visibility for the gay/lesbian community.

'This will increase our determination'

ILGA officials in Europe announced the cancellation of the conference "with great sadness."

"ILGA most strongly condemns this utterly homophobic attitude on the part of the local and state governments and urges everyone concerned about human rights to protest to the Mexican governments," said Information Secretary **Micha Ramakers**, speaking from Brussels, Belgium.

At press time, demonstrations had already taken place in New York, San Francisco, Washington, D.C.,

and in several European capitals, and many more were scheduled.

Romero Mendoza "urge[d] everybody to demonstrate at their local Mexican embassy or consulate and spread the news in their local media.

"We are outraged by the actions of the homophobic authorities here but they must not think we will be stopped from fighting them," he said.

ILGA Co-Secretary General **Lisa Power**, speaking from London, said the mess in Guadalajara "shows how much the international lesbian and gay movement is needed."

"Neither the Mexican authorities nor any others will stop us fighting oppression and homophobia," she said. "The loss of the conference only increases our determination."

ILGA's 'financial crisis'

The loss of ILGA's annual conference came as the organization faces "a severe financial crisis" brought on by its rapid growth.

Almost 100 national and local gay/lesbian organizations have joined ILGA in the past two years, many from poverty-stricken 'Third World' nations where activists cannot afford to pay ILGA membership dues.

The crisis is exacerbated by the costs of international communication. ILGA's expenses are expected to outstrip its income this year by $13,000. The organization has no savings.

'ILGA's work is crucial'

In the words of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force spokesman **Robert Bray**, "ILGA is the world's pre-eminent global gay/lesbian-rights organization."

Historically, ILGA is credited with forging the first links between the world's established and developing gay/lesbian movements, many of which started from scratch with little knowledge of worldwide movement history.

It is first and foremost a networking body.

ILGA is perhaps best-known for routinely dropping piles of letters, telegrams and faxes on homophobic officials around the globe--as Mexican officials are no-doubt learning this month.

ILGA membership now numbers almost 300 local and national gay/lesbian organizations from 42 countries on six continents.

"ILGA's work is absolutely crucial as the lesbian and gay movement increasingly becomes an international force," said Bray.

"Homophobia knows no national boundaries. Bigotry and hatred do not respect lines drawn on a map."

The future

At press time, there was informal talk of rescheduling the ILGA conference in Acapulco, Los Angeles or New York, but nothing had been formalized.

The national gay magazine *THE ADVOCATE*, which recently vowed to begin covering international news, offered ILGA $25,000 to offset rescheduling expenses.

ILGA's 1992 World Conference will be in Paris.

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Black Man Wins International Mr. Leather Contest

By Rex Wockner

Thirty-year-old **'D' Cannon**, a computer programmer from Hollywood, Calif., was crowned International Mr. Leather May 26 in Chicago. He is the second black man to hold the title in the contest's 13-year history.

Cannon beat out 50 other hide-bound contestants to walk away with the leather community's highest honor. **Terry Leonhart** of Baltimore took second place and **Mitch Johnson** of San Francisco came in third.



Mr. International Leather 1991 "D" Cannon joins hands with runners-up Mitch Johnson (left) and Terry Leonhart.

PHOTO BY REX WOCKNER

During a segment where the 20 finalists were given 90 seconds to say anything they wanted, Cannon told the 1,500 people jammed into the Vic Theater: "The time has come when personal concerns for ourselves must take a back seat to caring for each other.

"We must put a stop to gay-bashing. We must use our ballots as bullets. We must work together as one, unified family. We must remember that we can change attitudes and opinions.

"No one person can accomplish all this alone," Cannon said. "As International Mr. Leather, I invite you to stand with me. Use me as a direct channel to focus on these goals in your communities and together we will make a difference."

Second runner-up Johnson told the audience that, "The strength of the leather-SM-fetish community lies in its traditions--traditions of love for our brothers and sisters, a tradition of bold sexuality."

First runner-up Leonhart urged leathermen and -women to educate the general gay/lesbian community about the leather lifestyle. "What we wear and how we wear it says who we are and what we're into--very directly," he said. "Yet...we are by far the most misunderstood group in society--and unfortunately that also includes the rest of the gay community.

"We need to knock down the walls of prejudice, of failure to understand, of fear through ignorance, so that next time you walk into a gay bar--an environment that we certainly should feel comfortable and welcome in--they may take a step back or two, but this time it'll be through respect and awe of the fact that here's someone who knows who they are, who's not afraid to show it--that here comes a leather person."

Campy humorist **Khris Francis** of San Jose, Calif., and steamy singer/comedian **Marga Gomez** of San Francisco co-emceed the five-hour event. The Megatone Records post-New-Wave dance-music duo **Kim Cataluna** and **David Diebold** headlined the entertainment.

Cataluna, who is apparently straight, told the audience she had been nervous about performing at the contest, wondering if she was hip enough to handle it. She then lifted up her smock to display her bare breasts, and announced that she was having a ball.

AIDS/Gay Groups End Philip Morris Boycott

By Rex Wockner

The year-long international gay boycott of Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beer was called off in the U.S. May 30 by AIDS and gay organizations and the Philip Morris corporation, maker of the products.

Philip Morris promised to double its annual charitable contributions to AIDS and gay/lesbian organizations. To date, the corporation has donated $1.3 million to such groups, executives said.

A recent survey by the gay research firm Overlooked Opinions found that 51% of U.S. gay and lesbian beer drinkers had stopped drinking Miller because of the boycott.

During settlement negotiations, the corporation rejected a boycott demand that it sever ties with Helms but conceded that its contributions to him "should not be seen as an endorsement of any other of his positions."

Negotiations on behalf of the gay community were conducted by members of ACT UP/District of Columbia and the Dallas Gay Alliance, two of the three prime-movers behind the U.S. boycott. The settlement was endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, America's largest gay-rights organization, but was not supported by the third major group that launched the boycott, ACT UP/San Francisco--nor by a sizeable minority of ACT UP/New York members. Those who oppose the settlement say the boycott should continue until Morris stops contributing money to Helms. ACT UP/DC negotiator **Michael Petrelis** responded that he was disappointed at Morris' refusal to meet that demand but "we had an ethical choice to make."

"Either we remain politically correct and continue the boycott or we settle with Philip Morris and actually do something," Petrelis said. "Philip Morris has taken a leadership role in providing a humanitarian example for the rest of corporate America."

ACT UP/New York member **Bill Dobbs** disagreed. "[Philip Morris] is buying an ad that they've done something for the gay or AIDS communities while continuing to give money to Helms," he said. "The settlement stinks. The function of the boycott was to get Philip Morris to stop contributing to Helms and to renounce the contributions they have made. We've gone very far afield in getting Philip Morris to donate millions of dollars to AIDS services."

According to a statement issued by Morris, the corporation "and representatives of ACT UP and the gay and lesbian community have agreed on a plan to encourage community-based organizations to apply for grants from Philip Morris.... All agencies providing [services] to the gay and lesbian community are encouraged to apply.

"To fight AIDS," the corporation continued, "is also to fight both discrimination against people living with AIDS and homophobia. Education efforts to combat these forms of discrimination may also be funded by Philip Morris which continues to stand against all forms of intolerance."

It is not clear whether those who oppose the boycott settlement will have enough clout to continue the action in the U.S. at any significant level. Gay leaders generally agree that the boycott had begun to lose steam, at least among non-activist gays and lesbians, shortly after Helms won re-election in November 1990.

In Europe, however, the boycott continued to grow throughout the first half of 1991. In May, Britain's National Union of Students unanimously endorsed the action, following the lead of other non-gay, 'progressive' institutions in the United Kingdom.

According to ***Capital Gay***, a London weekly, the action was taken despite personal lobbying of openly gay NUS President **Stephen Twigg** by a Morris executive sent to London from the U.S.

"They sent a very smooth young man to try and persuade me the boycott was unjustifiable, but he failed," Twigg said.

The NUS boycott encompasses other Morris products not included in the U.S. boycott and is mandatory for all British universities, polytechnicsand colleges of further education, ***Capital Gay*** reported.

The boycott is going equally strong in several other European nations, most notably in Germany, where ACT UP chapters in several cities have aggressively promoted it. According to the Berlin gay magazine ***Magnus***, German boycott organizers have so far refused donations from Morris aimed at ending the action.

Philip Morris is the world's largest consumer-products concern. Marlboro is the world's best-selling cigarette and Miller is America's second-largest brewer.

New Zealand OKs Immigration By Gay/Lesbian Lovers

By Rex Wockner

The New Zealand Immigration Department announced last month that citizens' foreign gay/lesbian lovers are welcome to apply for residency.

The New Zealander must write a letter supporting the partner's application and promising housing and financial support. The couple must prove the relationship is "genuine, stable, and of at least four years' duration."

If the relationship is less than four-years-old, the foreigner can obtain a work visa in the intervening time. No HIV test is required.

New Zealand joins Australia, Denmark, Holland and Norway in allowing gay/lesbian partner immigration.

Australian immigration authorities created the category "relationships of emotional interdependency" on April 15 of this year to cover various gay and straight relationships that lack a legal familial link.

Gay activists hope to iron out a wrinkle in the policy that requires residency applications to be filed from outside the country.

Australia informally permitted gay/lesbian partners to immigrate from 1985–89, when an overhaul of immigration regulations wiped the relevant mechanism from the law books.

In other news, the New Zealand AIDS Foundation has formally condemned "outing" except in the case of a "closeted homosexual or bisexual individual who sets about to attack the gay community publicly with a view to deflecting speculation about their own sexuality."

"In such cases, NZAF will do nothing to discourage others from 'outing' them, although it will not initiate any such action itself, nor will it encourage others to do so," the policy states.



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International News

CANADA--Eighty-one percent of 1,460 Canadians questioned in a new poll think that gays and lesbians are entitled to the same civil and social rights at heterosexuals. However, 60% still have trouble accepting homosexuality as normal. In the U.S., 80% of the general public thinks "homosexuals should have equal rights for jobs," according to a major poll earlier this year.

MONTREAL--Officials at Varnier College in Montreal seized every copy of the student newspaper, *The Phoenix*, after it reprinted the infamous safe-sex article that first provoked attempts at censorship in Newfoundland.

Bootleg copies of *The Phoenix* are selling for $20, according to Nova Scotia's *Gaezette*.

Dozens of student newspapers coast-to-coast published the explicit safe-sex guidelines, photos and vignettes in solidarity with editors of *The Muse* at Newfoundland's Memorial University, who came under heavy attack from several quarters.

VANCOUVER--ACT UP members threw peanuts at Health Minister **Perrin Beatty** in April in Vancouver as he opened a national AIDS convention.

They shouted, "Peanuts for AIDS," and demanded the release of all drugs that may help HIV-positives.

Beatty responded, "No matter how loud you shout you won't stop me talking to persuade people to fight AIDS."

MONTREAL--Two lesbians have been elected co-presidents of the Undergraduate Student Association at Montreal's Concordia University.

Under the slogan, "Feminism Works," **Charlene Nero** and **Eleanor Brown**, both part-time journalism students, received 596 of 1 600 votes cast. They will split the $22 000 annual salary.

"The most ridiculously radical thing we could think of doing [to get the feminist message across] was the most very mainstream [thing]," said Nero, whose previous activism centered on graffiti spray painting, street demos and flyer blitzes. (*Rites*)

AUSTRALIA--According to an expose in *Outrage*, a special squad of undercover agents from the Royal Australian Air Force roots homosexuals out of the armed forces.

The magazine reported: "A man or woman suspected of being gay is targeted by the RAAF directorate of security services and placed under 24-hour surveillance for two weeks. Everyone they see or talk to is noted and photographed. Later they may be put through interrogation. The security team members do not wear uniforms and are not seen at military establishments. They visit gay nightclubs, even beats [cruisy toilets]."

The leader of the Australian Democrats, **Janet Powell**, has launched a campaign against the RAAF squad, saying the defense forces should not be exempt from human-rights and equal-opportunity laws that forbid employment discrimination against gays and lesbians.

AUSTRALIA--More than 600 lesbians and gay men blocked traffic on one of Sydney's main highways May 12 in protest against the rising tide of anti-gay murders and bashings.

The march broke new ground by going through a residential area--the suburb of Newtown. Marchers chanted, "Stop the murders, stop the bashings, gay rights now" in an effort to reach the societal structures they believe generate bigotry: schools, churches and the media.

"We wanted to move beyond demands for punishment of individual attackers and strategies that rely on police for protection," said organizer **Ken Davis**, spokesman for the Gay Solidarity Group.

COSTA RICA--The fast-emerging gay community is up in arms over the Chaplin Theater's staging of *La Noche de los Gritos y Las Plumas* (The *Night of Screams and Feathers*), which, in fact, is *The Boys in the Band*.

In an editorial, the gay newspaper *Confidencial* fumed: "It's more than 21 years old and does not correspond to our lifestyle, which deserves to be treated with respect, not ridiculed and stereotyped all over again.... It will attract the morbid heterosexual public and reaffirm a depressing and distorted image of homosexuals."

It is the first gay play ever staged in Costa Rica.

Directors **Jose Elizondo** and **Eduardo Zuniga** responded: "As responsible artists, we forcefully defend freedom of expression, the

free interplay of ideas, and freedom of thought. The fact that a certain polemic has been created around our production...fills us with satisfaction. In a world where it would seem we're rapidly losing the healthy habit of thinking, it is a triumph that you are occupied with discussing our production."

COSTA RICA--In honor of the eighth annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, the gay bars La Avispa, Los Cucharones, Puchitos, La Taberna and La Torre turned off their lights and music for five minutes May 19. Earlier in the day, the Fight Against AIDS Association hosted a "meditation and grieving ceremony" and launched the Costa Rican AIDS quilt project.

EL SALVADOR--The Gay Community of El Salvador [CGES] has made contact with Spain's *Gay Hotsa* magazine, reporting that it operates a discotheque, named Oraculos, and an AIDS Prevention Campaign, in cooperation with the Ministry of Health.

The group also publishes a magazine, *New World*, but it has been "temporarily suspended for reasons of costs."

In a letter to *Gay Hotsa*, CGES wrote: "The Gay Community of El Salvador is not legally constituted so nobody provides us with economic help for our sick brothers. The Ministry of Health limits its work to free distribution of condoms, talks and HIV tests."

ENGLAND--Hopes for gay law reform on the Isle of Man, a British possession in the Irish Sea, were smashed in May when the House of Keys voted 13-8 to retain statutes against buggery and gross indecency.

The vote cleared the way for prosecution of 12 men recently charged under the statutes. Five were sentenced to up to 12 months in prison and seven were ordered to perform 200 hours community service.

House members upheld the anti-gay laws even though the move threatens England's standing in the European Community by placing the nation in violation of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Home Office in London responded by promising to impose gay law reform on the Isle of Man, eventually--a move that will provoke a major political crisis on the semi-autonomous island.

The House of Keys also passed a bill that would ban local governmental bodies from "promoting homosexuality" or presenting positive images of gays in schools.

A measure that would have ended the right of homosexuals to meet in public places was rejected.

ENGLAND--A plaque commemorating the birth of the Gay Liberation Front in 1970 was unveiled at the London School of Economics May 2 in a ceremony organized by the LSE Lesbian and Gay Society.

Students launched the project after school officials refused to have anything to do with it, arguing that there was no formal link between LSE and GLF, which just happened to have held its first meeting at LSE.

On May 8, the plaque was stolen. A "Pink Plaque Strikes Back" ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 13, the anniversary of the first GLF meeting.

ENGLAND--An out gay man ousted the sitting Conservative councillor and mayor-elect on Southampton City Council in April's local elections.

Peter Brunnen, Labour candidate in the town's Peartree ward, won by 502 votes as part of

Skinheads Attack ILGA Fundraiser In Berlin

By Rex Wockner and Colin Sherman

About 30 young skinheads and other hoodlums, armed with wooden clubs, iron bars and "gas pistols," sacked a fundraiser for the International Lesbian and Gay Association May 25 at the gay-owned Grundezeit Museum outside former East Berlin.

Two of the approximately 80 party-goers were injured. One required hospitalization for serious eye damage.

The attack was announced over citizens band radio half an hour before it began.

"We expected such attacks in the '30s and '40s," said museum owner **Lorthar Berfelde**, "but after all that is known about what happened in that period, if I knew somewhere where I could live in peace and quiet, I'd pack the museum onto lorries and leave the village where I was born tomorrow."

Berfelde is better known as the drag queen Charlotte. He appeared in last year's groundbreaking East German gay film, ***Coming Out***.

The incident follows similar violent outbursts throughout Germany, including a skinhead attack on an East Berlin gay discotheque on April 20, Adolph Hitler's birthday.

In recent months, windows have been smashed at Bonn's gay center, the Munich gay bookstore Max & Millian and Berlin's gay Cafe Anal, and police diffused a package-bomb addressed to Rosa Hilfe, a gay-rights group in Dortmund.

According to the Reuters news agency, 15 000 "Nazi skinheads" have emerged in former East Germany alone since reunification.

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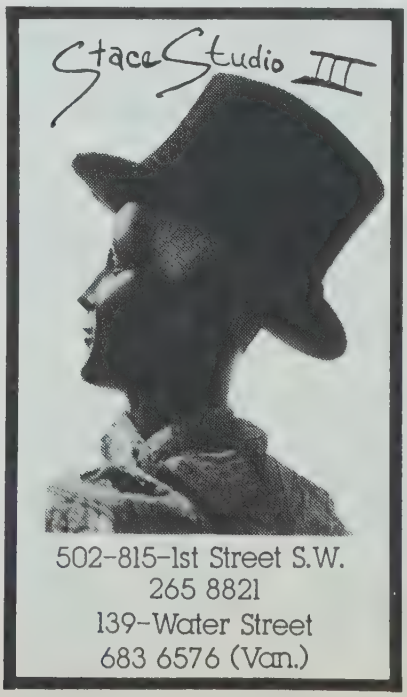
the swing to Labour across southern England.

Brunnen is well-known in London's leather scene, does voluntary work for the Southampton lesbian and gay unemployment group, and promised to monitor gay issues within the City Council, according to *Capital Gay*.

ENGLAND--The Channel 4 national TV network is being investigated by police because an erect penis was allegedly visible in the background during a talk show. All depictions of erect penises are banned in Britain.

Scotland Yard said it received a complaint from a viewer about the presence of an "aroused member" in gay filmmaker **Derek Jarman**'s film *Sebastiane*, which was running as background to a discussion program called *Sex and the Censors*. The program featured Jarman explaining how he edited *Sebastiane* to make it acceptable for TV.

The Obscene Publications Squad viewed a tape of the talk show and turned it over to the director of public prosecution. (*Gay Times*)



ENGLAND--Gay activists have asked police to prosecute *The Daily Star*, a tabloid newspaper, over an editorial that opposed the House of Commons Armed Forces Committee's call for the military to welcome gays and lesbians into its ranks.

Britain's Public Order Act bans, among other things, journalism "which is threatening, abusive or insulting."

The editorial read: "Homosexual pressure groups represent a tiny minority of Britons. The overwhelming majority of us are disgusted by these strident, mincing preachers of filth.... Homosexuals cannot be allowed to corrupt the Armed Forces. Just think of the effect on discipline of cat fights among queens in the front line."

ENGLAND--One in five gay men treated at London sexually transmitted disease clinics is testing HIV-positive.

And a government report says new HIV infections among gay men have increased 50% since 1986-87, when HIV transmission hit an all-time low.

Capital Gay hypothesized that gay men are bored with safe sex, that young gays missed out on safe-sex campaigns in the '80s, and that men who were monogamous in the '80s may not know how to negotiate safe sex.

FRANCE--At the end of the recent Homosexuality and AIDS Conference in Paris, ACT UP members tackled *Dominique Charvet*, director of the government's French Fight Against AIDS Agency (AFLS), and tried to handcuff him, according to *Gai Pied*.

The disruption brought the conference to a premature close and ACT UP was denounced from all quarters for its actions.

ACT UP spokesman ***Didier Lestrade*** charged AFLS with spending less money on AIDS prevention than in previous years and with "disassociating AIDS prevention and pleasure."

"As long as we don't have clear responses from Charvet, we will continue to personalize our actions against him," Lestrade added.

FRANCE--Several hundred demonstrators, mostly from ACT UP, marched on the National Senate May 6 in protest of legislation that would raise the age of consent for gay sex from 15 to 18 and criminalize knowing transmission of HIV.

They shouted, "Fight AIDS, Not People With AIDS" and "Liberte, Egalite, Homosexualite."

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence performed an exorcism on the senators for "conscious and premeditated transmission of the virus of stupidity." (***Gai Pied***)

HUNGARY--There are six gay bars and discos in Budapest now, up from one two years ago, according to ***Gai Pied***.

Homosexuality is legal, but no one talks about it, the magazine said.

Gay men who formed the activist group Lambda Budapest consider the Catholic Church their main enemy.

They hope to engender gay pride by organizing cultural events and will also mount an AIDS-prevention campaign. There are 250 known HIV-positives, ***Gai Pied*** said.

Meanwhile, the ***Bay Area Reporter*** reports that Hungary's first jack-off party is July 12-14 at a nudist spa north of Budapest. More than 120 men have signed up to attend.

"We made advertisements in the newspapers and so far we have no reaction against it," said organizer **Gyorgy Karpati** of the gay group Connection.

Since there is no slang akin to "jack off" in Hungarian, the event is being promoted as a "mass-masturbation party."

ITALY--The Institute of Health and the gay group Arci Gay recently surveyed 3,000 gay men nationwide on their sexual behavior.

Thirty-three percent have sex with both men and women, 51% are in a relationship, 46% have been tested for HIV, 4.2% said they tested positive.

Forty-two percent of tops and 40% of bottoms always use a condom for anal sex with casual partners. Eight percent use condoms for oral sex with casual partners.

Among those in a relationship, 39% of tops and 37% of bottoms always use a rubber with their lover.

Asked where they meet men, respondents said at bars and discos (57%); at parks and train stations (45%); through friends (22%), gay groups (18%) and personal ads (7%); at work (7%); and while riding public transport (5%). (***Babilonia***)

Doc & Raider

By Sean Martin



Proof of a benevolent supreme being? Richard Locke shot direct to video...

NETHERLANDS--The five-year-old Amsterdam Gay & Lesbian Switchboard may close due to money problems. Last year's "buy-a-day" campaign bought the hotline only 150 days (at $100 a day).

Americans and other foreigners make frequent use of the switchboard, said spokesman Frits van Noordende. The most frequent questions from abroad concern bars, hotels and gay marriage.

POLAND--Prime Minister **Jan Krzysztof** fired Deputy Health Minister Kazimierz Kapera in May after he stated on TV that gays are perverts and straights don't need to worry about AIDS, according to the Voice of America.

Kapera's dismissal was criticized by President **Lech Walesa** and Catholic Primate **Jozef Cardinal Glemp**, who blamed the firing on "proclaimers of tolerance" and "barking courtyard mongrels.... Is not sin the most frequent source of contracting the AIDS virus?" Glemp asked. "Cannot one speak about it publicly?"

The majority of Polish AIDS cases are among drug users, not gays.

SCOTLAND--At press time, the Scottish Homosexual Rights Group was planning Edinburgh's first gay-pride celebrations since the 1970s. A parade was to set off from Waterloo Place, pass along Princes Street, and end with a rally on the Mound.

In Northern Ireland, meanwhile, the first gay demonstration in five years was scheduled for June 29 in Belfast. Planned events included a march through the city center, a cabaret, an art show and a large dance.

SOUTH AFRICA--**Winnie Mandela**, wife of black leader **Nelson Mandela**, was found guilty in May of kidnapping four youths from a Soweto church hostel and being an accessory after the fact in their beatings by her associates, according to UPI.

Two of the young men testified that Mrs. Mandela and her bodyguards abducted them, took them to the Mandela home, and brutally whipped them while shouting charges that they'd had gay sex with the minister who ran the hostel.

Judge Michael Stegmann called Mrs. Mandela "a cold and deliberate liar," but said he had no choice but to accept her alibi that she was not at home when the beatings took place.

Stegmann termed the abductions a conspiracy between Mandela, co-defendant **Xoliswa Falati**, and Mandela's bodyguard, **Jerry Richardson**, to defame the minister with allegations of homosexuality.

One of the four youths died from the beatings and Richardson was sentenced to death last year for the murder. Kidnapping also carries a maximum penalty of death.

TAIWAN--The lesbian group Wo-men Zhi Jian, Taiwan's first organization for gay women, now meets twice monthly and plans to set up a phone line, an alternative to the bars, and a legal/political working group. More than 35 women are involved.

A key project in the beginning is collection and translation of basic information on lesbianism.

The group's name means "Between Us" and their logo features the Chinese characters for two women, sideways and facing one another.

TURKEY--At least 40 transvestites were dragged from their homes in May in the Cihangir district of Istanbul and stripped and beaten by police wielding lengths of plastic hosepipe, reports *Capital Gay*.

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Following similar raids in late 1989, two transvestites killed themselves, one a 17-year-old who flung himself from a building.

Turkish activists say transvestite prostitution is one of the few options for young Turkish gay men.

USSR--Following the split between radical and moderate activists in Moscow (where moderate members of the Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union formed the Association for Gay Equality and started their own newspaper), two gay groups in Leningrad are manifesting the same divisions.

Like Moscow's MGLU, Leningrad's Tchaikovsky Foundation for the Cultural Initiatives and Defense of Sexual Minorities identifies itself with the radical Libertarian Party and is not opposed to ACT-UP-style tactics and public scandal.

The other group, Banks of the Neva, wants to work through the system for the legalization of homosexuality and gay organizations.

"Our objective is to fight gays being rejected by society; offer necessary psychological, social and legal assistance to combat isolation; and inform the general population that formerly disseminated notions about gays and lesbians are not correct," said a spokeswoman.

The group plans to found a library, publish a newspaper and open a hotline.

USSR--Banks of the Neva, one of Leningrad's three gay groups, is appealing a court decision that upheld the City Council's rejection of the group's registration.

The council and the court said it is illegal to establish organizations of a criminal character which are in opposition to public morals. Russian Republic Penal Code Article 121.1 penalizes male anal sex with five years in a labor camp.

"Of course we'll appeal," said Prof. **Aleksandr Kucharski**, the gay group's lawyer. "We won a victory by having the issue taken to court at all. We're just beginning."

USSR--The Moscow Center to Combat AIDS, an arm of the Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union, distributed 2,000 condoms and safe-sex pamphlets in gay-cruising areas in late May.

The rubbers were donated by New York's Gay Men's Health Crisis.

Safe-sex pamphlets were also mailed to every member of the Russian Republic parliament.

USSR--Since its founding in October 1990, the Estonian Lesbian Union has racked up a string of successes, reports founder **Lilian Kotter**.

"We've received attention from the independent newspaper *Esmapaev* and were interviewed on Estonian TV at peak-viewing time," she said.

Projects in development include a permanent meeting space, official registration with the Tallinn City Council, a book of interviews with Estonian lesbians, and a newsletter.

Group members recently volunteered to answer the Tallinn Gay Helpline one day a week.

But everything is contingent on Soviet politics.

"If the Soviets intervene or are restored to power [in Estonia], most of our developments will be ended," Kotter said. "Lesbian and gay liberation can succeed only with Estonia's independence."

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Answer Personal Ads From The Heart

By Maureen Wagner

(This is the second in a two part series on using personal ads.)

How many of you have started reading those personal ads? A lot, I'll bet.

When you realize there is nothing wrong with a personal ad, whether you're advertising or answering, it frees you to be more creative and honest.

This week we'll discuss how to answer a personal ad.

First, get yourself into a positive frame of mind.

Tell yourself over and over, that if you have any doubts at all, your reply will be answered.

Then, having put yourself into a positive and optimistic attitude, pick up the paper and scan the ads.

Select several that interest you and mark them so you can read each one over again to make sure you really want to meet the person.

Try to read between the words, analyse the ad to understand what the other person's personality is like.

Be sure to read the whole ad, not just the part that apeals to you.

If the ad requests a male between 45 and 50, and you're only 41, don't add a few years, because somewhere down the line you'll have to admit it.

Or, if it says seeking long term, permanent relationship and all you want is someone to date, don't waste your time or theirs by answering it.

Ask yourself if the person has been able to express their needs, rather then merely listing their activities. Be sure of what you are seeking. Do you want a life partner or a ski partner?

Consider what they are asking for. If they want a photo and a phone number, and you don't have a photo, will your reply go to the bottom of their list?

Sometimes even a photocopy of a photo with a brief explanation will let that person know you are sincerely interested. Or, if you want to, it is relatively inexpensive to have several copies made of a photo of yourself.

By this time you will have narrowed the choice of ads to those to which you intend to reply. Get yourself into a warm, affectionate mood, pick up your pen and put it to paper.

You can begin with the word Dear. It lets the person know that you can express feelings.

Write about their ad and what you liked about it. All people like praise and the ad's author isn't any differnt. Try to advoid anything that is in any way negative, a definite turnoff for anyone.

Allow your letter to show who you are by writing from the heart. This may be scary stuff, but you have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

However, if you've been badly hurt and you are tempted to say what you will or will not put up with, remember this is not the time to be aggressive about it. Save it for later when you've met the person –chances are you'll never have to say it.

Consider your honesty. Most people prefer honesty to any other form of communication, and if they don't, chances are you wouldn't want them anyway.

This is not your autobiography, so don't go on for pages and pages. Keep it to a couple of pages, enough to interest and intrigue the person.

If your writing or spelling is bad, you could apologize in a lighthearted way. If your spelling is really bad, use a dictionary.

Never type your reply to a personal ad; it is too businesslike and impersonal.

There are absolutely no circumstances that warrant sending a photocopy of your letter. Be assured it will be filed under 'G' for garbage.

Have you meet the specifications outlined in the ad? Have you put your phone number or return address on your handwritten, original letter?

If you have any doubts about the letter, ask a confidant to read and critique it before you rewrite it on nice stationary.

As you post the letter, remember that if it brings no response, the person you wrote to is probably someone you didn't need in your life. Especially if they are too impolite to acknowledge your letter. Also, it is useful to know that responding to an ad gets fewer responses than if you place one.

But either way, try it, if you are sincere and want a quiet alternative for meeting people. It can work for you, if you give it a chance.

(Wagner is a Calgary freelance writer who runs a consulting service for single adults.)

Edna's Marvellous Adventures

Madame Zoltan, Goddess of the Neo-Mystical or Edna Cracks the Universe

By Edna Herself (that's me)

It was yet another martini sunrise, my head was aching, and I'd lost at least one false eyelash. Not a good morning at all, however I was struck by the humourous situation at last call, which perked up my day until I crawled into the bathroom to find my Electro-Powered Beauty Window in millions of pieces on the floor.

Anyway, with the mirror on my floor, and being that this was the first day of seven years' bad luck, I panicked. However, I have a flair for the obvious, so I knew in an instant that I what I needed was spiritual help.

Only the day before I left, Nathane, the evil postman, delivered a bunch of flyers. Strangely, I had put them in my clutch purse.

Now then, mixed up between "Lee Chong's Corner Pizza" menu, Vivian Schwartski's "Liquid Steel" giveaway hair surprise package, and the Crash Bang Construction bonus bucks, was the flyer introducing Madame Zoltan's palace. This was a lucky break for me.

I dialled Madame Zoltan on my triple-powered glove box cellular as I climbed into the limo. Once I told her who I was and what had happened, she bumped the rest of her clients for the day and agreed to see me immediately.

Finding her was no small adventure. By the time I arrived, face intact, I had experienced only minor traffic problems. The waiting room was dimly lit and filled with sorry-looking souls, all in much worse shape than I could ever possibly be.

I went straight into Madame Zoltan's curtained hut, as she had instructed, and there she was, dressed more oddly than anyone I had ever seen. I was captivated by her attire: why, it must have taken about seventy-four hours alone for someone just to sew all the sequins onto her bathing cap! And then there was that pair of dingle-ball earrings that she wore. A sight to behold! Suffice it to say that Madame Zoltan looked like Madame Zoltan.

Anyway, there she was, hovering over her crystal ball and chanting something that sounded like the gurgling noises that my grandfather used to make after his triple throat bypass.

I stood there for quite some time, waiting for her to finish and soon became bored. Well, as you know, there is never any time like the present to freshen up. So I gently reached into my matching colour-coordinated clutch purse for my essence of Southeast Asia.

Edna's Marvellous Adventures



I wasn't even two spritzes into my powder when my essence reacted to the vibes from the world beyond and caused a colourful explosion of all the cystal balls in the room. This was followed by a sudden crash of lightning.

A rip opened in the universe and sucked Madame Zoltan through. It happened so fast that I barely had time to react! I tried to save her by grabbing her by her dingle-ball earrings. I didn't realize they were clip-ons until they snapped off in my hands.

The noise was so great that I had to yell for her to hear me. "Nice to have met you; enjoy your trip!" Imagine me thinking that I was having a bad day.

After the dust settled, the tent, the elves, the crystals and everything else were gone and, I was left standing alone in the middle of a field. There was nothing left around me except one pair of dingle-ball earrings that glistened in the sunlight, and strangely so.

I picked them up and felt a strange vibration, but thought nothing of it. Oh well, I thought, they'll look fabulous next Halloween, and perhaps even before then. I wrapped them carefully in my psychedelic scarf and tucked them away in my purse.

Edna's helpful pointer: never read junk mail, unless you're really hunting for dingle-ball earrings.

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THE STORY THUS FAR: In a future where ninety percent of the world are homosexual Citizens, and in which the remaining ten percent are enslaved Breeders, a small group of people have joined together to stop the Greater American government's plan to do away with the need for Breeders altogether. Included in this alliance are Security Engineers Cassidy Graham and (closet Breeder) Russ Conrad, Conrad's lover, Kelley Robinson and Breeder Thomson Sutherland...

"It's been a while, Graham. Haven't seen you here in years, not since you and Hunterston broke up."

The dark-haired Security Engineer shrugged his shoulders. "Yeah, it's been a couple years now, hasn't it? But hey, listen, you can't go around playing the happy little celibate all your life, can you? It's about time I put a bit of excitement back into my life -- hell, I'm twenty-seven; not exactly over the hill." He slipped his hand into his pocket and pulled out his Purchasecard, handing it to the laid-back man on the other side of the counter.

"Oh, and by the way, do you guys still serve that Dibny Gingold here? You can't seem to get that particular brand anywhere else these days."

"Takes a bit of a stretch, but we manage to keep it in stock, though God only knows how you can drink the stuff. Burns like hell on the way down."

"Yeah, I know," said Cassidy. "Look, can I get my locker key? I'm kinda in a rush, if you know what I mean."

"Oh, yeah, right, no problem." replied the other man, passing Cassidy a key and a white, terrycloth towel. "Have a good time, okay?"

Cassidy Graham responded by turning around and entering the dim corridor. "You can bet on it." With that, he strode with a purpose into the Goliath Saunatel.

"What's the matter, Cassidy, you chickenshit or something?"

"Yeah, it's about time you grew up and learned what it means to be a man. Everybody who's anybody has done somebody in Goliath's."

"I dunno, guys. We're only fourteen -- we won't be legal for another four years. What if we get caught?"

"Hey, don't worry, man. I got us genuine, faked Identification Cards, and there's still tons of credits left on the Purchasecard I pinched from Gregory. No way are we ever gonna get found out."

"Yeah, Cassidy, and even if we do, it's not going to be any kind of a problem. After all, half the men in there would give their eyeteeth to get their hands on some hot, teenaged Dörserian meat. No way will they kick us out. It's a matter of economics."

"Yeah, Cassidy, don't you know anything?"

"I know, guys, but, still -- I still feel kinda uncomfortable about all this. It doesn't seem quite right somehow."

"You asshole, Cassidy. Don't you know that if you keep talking like this, everybody's going to really think you're a Breeder, 'stead of them just joking about it."

"See? You gotta come with us into Goliath's. If people think you're a Breeder, they'll kill you."

The young, dark-haired boy looked up at the huge, brass double-doors which formed the main entrance to the building which had become somewhat of a legend in Calgary. He turned to his friends. "Okay, let's go then."

No damn way he was going to let anyone think he was a Breeder. No damn way.

The doorman was right. It had been ages since Cassidy was last in the Goliath Saunatel, but nonetheless he remembered it well -- the plush, brass-lined, dimly-lit interior; the parade of men of all shapes and sizes attired in little more than the standard-issue terrycloth towel; even that schmuck in the diapers who kept trying to come on to Robert and himself when they were regulars here.

He made his way to the locker area, stuck his hand into his tunic pocket and retrieved a key similar to the one he had been assigned at the entrance, this one keyed to locker 42. Locating the locker in question, he inserted the key into its lock and swung the door open to reveal a rather plain-looking attaché case. He breathed a sigh of relief as he picked up the case and began heading towards Goliath's second entrance, choosing the smaller entrance in order to avoid having to explain to the laid-back doorman why his visit happened to be so short.

Halfway there, however, he was surprised to feel a hand being placed firmly on his left shoulder from behind. He spun around to find himself facing the tall, long-haired schmuck in diapers.

"Cassidy! I haven't seen you here in a dog's age, Beautiful! Why isn't Robert here with you? You two used to be inseparable!"

"We broke up a while back." Cassidy replied tersely, then turned and walked away as the diapered man interjected, "Well, smell her!" to no one in particular. Too bad, Cassidy thought, however it wouldn't do that man any good to know that Robert had been killed just hours ago by Russ Conrad, Cassidy's new comrade-in-arms.

He had thought that this was finally it, that he had at last found true love at the side of Robert Hunterston. They had come together back in 2059, towards the end of their training as Security Engineers. Robert was all Cassidy thought he wanted in a man: he was strong, intelligent, dedicated, willful, fun to be with.

He was also drop-dead gorgeous, and the sex they experienced together was more than Cassidy could ever have hoped for

It didn't take long, however, for Cassidy to discover a couple other things about his dream man that weren't quite so wonderful. Robert could never be satisfied committing to just one person -- he had to have several men in his life in order to feel fulfilled. In the last couple years they were together, they managed to cope with this by heading down to the Goliath Saunatel where they found lovers to spare, but this was far from what Cassidy wanted.

Also, Robert was a bigot, one who placed himself above everyone else; he was, after all, a Security Engineer and an Elitist -- a naturally-born homosexual -- and he exercised his position as such as an excuse to act particularly ruthless towards Breeders.

When Cassidy ended his relationship with Robert in '63, he took this opportunity to re-evaluate his life, the world around him,

and his place in it. Partly as a way to rebel against Robert's heterophobia, and partly as a result of the accusations that had been levelled against himself when he was younger, Cassidy found himself doing whatever he could to make the world a bit more comfortable for the enslaved Breeders.

He decided at that point that, even if he would never be able to change the world, he would do his damndest to at least nudge it towards what he felt must be the right direction.

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"John and I'll get in touch with Southwest Calgary if the rest of you can take care of the other quadrants, then, Kelley. Tomorrow morning, ten a.m. at the Center, right?"

"That's right, Melody. Good luck. I'll see you in the morning."

Kelley Robinson ended the connection on her compucon, lay back in her chair and took a few deep breaths. It didn't take her anywhere near as long as she thought it would to arrange this emergency meeting of the Calgary Straight Nation. Although completely clandestine, its existance known only to its members, Straight Nation in Calgary had managed to develop under her guidance into a well-oiled machine, one that could be called into action at a moment's notice. It was good to see that her lifetime of work was able to bring about such a dedicated group of people whose very membership in the organization, if known, would result in instant termination in the chambers.



Growing up in the shadows of such a famous, heroic ancestor would be a dream come true for most young girls, but for Kelley Robinson, being the daughter of legendary Elitist Svend Robinson only meant that, although adored by the population at large, she found it almost impossible to accept herself.

That is, until she met Victor Persaud a little over thirty years ago, when she was fifteen.

This was in 2034, when, in theory anyway, Breeders had the same rights as Dörserians and Elitists. Although she was legally registered as an Elitist, she had discovered within herself a certain attraction towards the opposite sex in the last couple years. How they managed to mess up in determining her sexual orientation, Kelley had no idea; although she suspected that her highly-placed parents had pulled some strings to have her declared a homosexual when she was born, hoping against hope that she would change.

She didn't

Thus, when she realized the truth about herself, she sought out Victor Persaud, whose organization, Straight Nation, was making inroads at working towards a certain kind of liberation for Breeders. Kelley left this meeting with a strong sense of resolve and when, in October of 2035, Persaud was publicly executed as a traitor, she vowed to herself to dedicate her life, in secret, to the continuation of Straight Nation.

Throughout the next twelve years, as Straight Nation lay subdued as a result of the Breeder-enslaving Preston Doctrine, Kelley Robinson worked on her exhaustive treatise, "Dörser's Dream", in which she attempted to reconstruct the true history of the world since the twentieth century, and in which she maintained that Breeders possessed as natural a sexual orientation as Citizens...

Kelley turned in her chair to face Thomson Sutherland, the Breeder who Cassidy Graham had somehow managed to drag into this situation. All the while Kelley had been rallying Straight Nationalists on the compucon, Sutherland had been watching her carefully and listening intently.

Several seconds of silence went by, and finally Sutherland spoke: "You really are a Breeder, aren't you? And so are all the other people you were talking to."

"That's right, Thomson, we are. And so are a lot of other so-called Citizens -- a lot more than the government would like the people to believe."

"But how..." started Sutherland, suddenly trailing off when he realized that he didn't know quite what it was that he wanted to ask.

Picking up on his confusion, Kelley replied: "Mostly we manage by keeping a lid on our sexuality. We've become real good at keeping secrets."

"I keep getting the feeling that there's something you're not telling me, Kelley."

"Oh, Liane, you know that's not true. I just feel like I have to get out of Toronto, to find myself."

Mark Guire's

BREEDER

"Well, why can't you find yourself here in Toronto, with me?"

"You know I can't do that, and that it has nothing to do with you." Lie number one; it had a lot to do with Liane.

"You haven't found somebody else, have you? There isn't another woman, is there?"

Kelley turned on Liane sharply. "No! How could you even think that?" Lie number two -- sort of. There wasn't another woman, but there was Russ Conrad, the young Security Engineer she had met through Straight Nation, and with whom she had fallen in love.

All this took place five years ago. In the meantime she and Conrad had relocated to Calgary in order to secretly start up a western chapter of Straight Nation, leaving Liane behind, wondering what it was that she had done wrong.

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"Shit!" thought Russ Conrad, as he came to another dead end. He was beginning to feel useless; after all, his strengths lay in his physical prowess, not in his videoterm expertise. Although he excelled at virtually all other areas of being a Security Engineer, he was never quite able to make one of those damned machines do what he wanted. It took almost a physical effort to refrain from smashing his fist into the monitor.

WHAP!!

"Please! No more! Uhn! God! No!"

"Fucking Breeder! Trying to pass yourself off as a Dörserian! You're an asshole, man! A fucking Breeder asshole!"

WHUMP!!

"Ahhh!!"

Loud silence.

"Come on, Conrad, I think he's had enough."

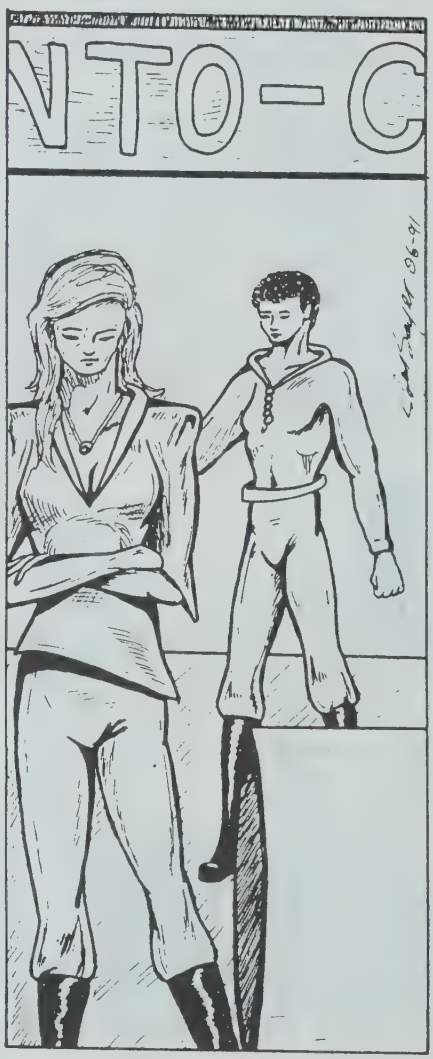
The attacker paused, then let loose with one more kick to the head of the young man laying bloodied on the streets of Detroit.

"Uh..."

"Fucking shithead Breeder."

Looking back up to the monitor, Russ Conrad tried inputting "Project CHW", but to no avail. The term "Invalid Titular Heading" kept instantly appearing. Damn. Somewhere in these videoterm banks lay the details of the government's plan to dispose of Breeders and instead perpetuate the race through cloning and the insemination of willing Citizens.

Trying another heading, he keyed in "Richelhof – Breeder", hoping that this might provide some sort of lead as to what to try next. No such luck. Times like this, Russ Conrad felt like just getting up and walking out.



"So I hear you're off to Toronto, huh, Conrad? How come?"

"Security Engineer Training Academy. S'posed to be the best in Greater America."

"No shit? You're going out to become a Security Engineer? Right on. I envy you, man. Now you can make a living bashing Breeder brains, like the one you trashed a few years back. Ha! That's one Breeder we won't have ta worry about no more!"

"Shut up, Bruce."

"What did I say, man? What your problem?"

"Just shut the fuck up, Bruce!"

With that, Russ Conrad turned on his heels and stormed away, wondering whether or not getting into an argument with Bruce was a particularly wise move. Becoming a Security Engineer was really the last reason he was leaving his home in Detroit; his real purpose in heading to Toronto was to explore rumours he had heard about an organization called "Straight Nation", which was purported to be made up of Dörserians and even Elitists who were actually closet Breeders.

He was nineteen now, and it was about time he stopped denying to himself what he actually was.

Conrad hadn't kept track of how many attempts he had made trying to break into the System, but he knew it wouldn't be long before alarms started going off somewhere. Although he would never show it outwardly, he was beginning to feel nervous, frustrated, incompetant and alone. God, he wished that Kelley was here. Even after having secretly been together for nearly ten years, he still felt empty when she wasn't near him.

"What do you mean, Calgary? There's nothing there."

Mark Guire's

BREEDER

"That's just it, Russ. If Straight Nation is to grow, we need to expand into the west, and I'm the most qualified person to lead the expansion."

Conrad stared at Kelley Robinson intently. Although over forty now, more than fifteen years Conrad's senior, she still was possessed of a vunerable, little-girl look that Conrad could physically feel. "So where does this leave us?"

"I want you to come with me, Russ. To Calgary. I can't stand the thought of heading off to a new place alone, but if I have to, I will."

What choice did he have? He arranged for a Security Transfer to Calgary, and found himself arriving in Calgary only a few months after Kelley.

Still no luck. Conrad decided to make one more attempt at the heading before he left Security Engineer headquarters and went back to the others.

As he began inputting another heading, he heard quiet footsteps behind him. Turning around in his chair, he found himself staring at a cluster of three Security Engineers, their lightguns poised.

And that was all he saw before his world became one of nothingness.

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Cassidy Graham arrived back at the Apartment, attaché case in hand.

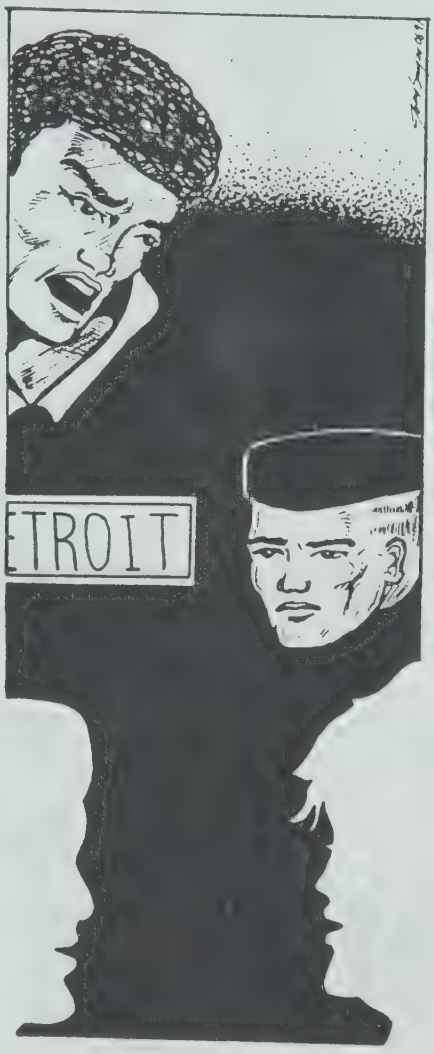
Kelley Robinson turned to greet him. "Did you get it?"

"No problem." he replied, looking over to where Thomson Sutherland was sitting quietly. "Right where you said it would be, pal. You did good."

Sutherland said nothing, but was obviously pleased.

"So what is this device, Cassidy?" asked Kelley, motioning towards the attaché case that Cassidy had just set down on the table. "What exactly is it supposed to do?"

In reply, Cassidy opened the case and revealed a flat, black box about ten inches long by fifteen inches wide, with a speaker on top and a standard letter-digit keypad. "It's called an automatic satellite-transfer audioreceiver, which is pretty much technobabble for an espionage device. It can pick up the sound vibrations from just about anywhere in Greater America, as long as it's got someone to zero in on."



He flicked a switch on the side of the machine, which began to hum softly. "Here, I'll show you an example. What's Conrad's Identification number?"

"Russ Conrad, IDCD-46550-00." replied Kelley.

"Okay, hold on just half a second." Cassidy said, as he began keying in the ID.

The audioreceiver started to make a few beeping noises, and then went quiet.

"Now what?" asked Kelley.

"Shhhh. Be quiet and listen."

Before long, voices began to become recognizable on the machine.

<<*Listen, Richelhof, I haven't got the slightest idea what the hell you're talking about!*>>

"That's Russ!" exclaimed Kelley.

<<*You're not being at all helpful, Conrad. All right, then, have it your way. Justin, prepare Conrad for Interrogation Practice Seven.*>>

<<*No!!*>>

"Interrogation Practice Seven?" asked Sutherland. "What's that?"

"Believe me, Thomson, you don't want to know. Now be quiet, I want to listen."

But nothing further came from the audioreceiver.

"Shit," said Cassidy. "They must have zapped him out. We're not going to get anything more." He turned to Kelley. "Okay, I'm going to be relying on you, Robinson. Did you see how I operated the machine?"

"Seems simple enough." she replied.

"All right then. I want you to tune in on Richelhof every half-hour or so, and see if you can find out more about this CHW Project."

"But where will you be Cassidy?" Sutherland asked.

"At Security Headquarters, doing my damndest to get Conrad out of that mess. He saved my ass once; now it's my turn to return the favour..."

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NEXT MONTH: Cassidy returns to Security Engineer Headquarters, Sutherland receives a blast from his past, and Straight Nation assembles en masse. As well, we reveal a couple interesting tidbits about Security Chief Pat Richelhof and President of Greater America Clive Dawson. Join us in August for **Breeder**, *Installment 8*: **"Linda"**.

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and no deeper
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somewhere between
the earth and
the clouds

by brian goodkey



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Svend Urges Unity for Gays and Lesbians

By Jude Stewart
Calgary

Shortly after the recent **Faith Nolan** concert I had a chance to speak briefly with **Svend Robinson**, Canada's first openly gay Member of Parliament. Reiterating some of his main points, Robinson stressed the importance of identifying our priorities within the gay community and looking for strong voices to address the issues.

In a province where we are unprotected in our jobs, in our homes, and in society in general, "We must work together, otherwise we will be splintered on some very fundamental issues." said Robinson. "It is extremely important to build on a common agenda and work towards equality for gays and lesbians as well as other groups who are also the victims of oppression."

As for Robinson's feelings on the new and improved political climate for gays in Calgary:

"I feel very privileged to be here today as history is being made. The strength and energy seen today was remarkable. Mayor Duerr is extremely advanced in terms of working towards gay and lesbian rights. Hopefully the energy seen today will lead to a community with feelings of solidarity around issues of equality and justice," said Robinson.

Commenting on the Reform Party, Robinson was quite concerned about support actually coming from within the gay and lesbian community. Robinson advised that to know where the Reform Party stands all you really need to do is look at their agenda.

"They are anti-choice, their immigration policies are steeped in racism, and their economic policies only serve to widen the gap between rich and poor. As well, they have been noticeably silent on the issues of peace and the environment," said Robinson.

"They have built an agenda on hatred and fear. Being anti-women as they are, can we realistically expect them to be supportive of the gay and lesbian communities?"

Robinson also noted that the strength of the Reform Party relies on a strong protest reaction to the present leadership we have in this country.

"It's a very dangerous form of protest, we need to channel some of the anger into constructive opposition and hopefully redirect it into the development of a new political leadership."

As for the need for an openly lesbian MP, Robinson adamantly agreed. "It is something that should've happened a long time ago. There are at least five openly gay men at the national level of government. Women are under-represented as it is. Unfortunately, lesbians are completely invisible at this level. Hopefully we'll see someone soon who is strong enough to be open about her sexual orientation, maybe even someone from Calgary."

Finally, there has been some speculation that the movement from Justice Critic to External Affairs Critic was an attempt to silence Robinson on issues of gay and lesbian rights, but according to Robinson it couldn't be further from the truth.

"I was delighted to take on the role of external spokesperson. It is an extremely important position and if anything, my profile has grown considerably. I'm as active as ever in issues of gay and lesbian rights and will continue as long as necessary. Unfortunately, that may be quite a while longer."

Education, Suicide Problems for Gay Kids

By Pierre Tremblay
Calgary

Adolescent suicide and the high dropout rate have become major concerns for educators in Alberta. Homosexuality is a factor in both these problems but this fact has not yet been recognized by educators and education authorities.

Studies published since 1978 reveal that gay youth are two to four times more likely than their heterosexual counterparts to attempt suicide. By 1989, the three-volume *Report of the Secretary General's Task Force on Youth Suicide* was published in the United States. The third volume, *Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide*, explains why ten percent of the youth population would account for twenty to forty percent of teenaged suicides and attempted suicides.

Suicide is the ultimate form of dropping out and homosexuality could therefore be a significant factor in the school dropout rate. By 1983, the Harvey Milk School in New York City was established to provide an environment in which lesbian and gay youth could complete their high school in a gay-positive environment, as opposed to the anti-gay school environments which had caused them to drop out.

In Canada, the level of hatred-related attitudes was revealed in the Canada Youth and AIDS Study. From a sample of 38 000 youth, it was revealed that students in grades seven through eleven had learned very negative attitudes regarding homosexuals. Only thirty-three to forty-one percent of them believed that "homosexuals should be teachers", and an even lesser number felt they "would be comfortable talking with a homosexual person". If such negative feelings existed toward any other minority in our schools, a major hate crisis would be declared.

When I interviewed **Joe North**, Alberta Education's health consultant in Calgary, he stated that I was "the first person to ever raise the topic." **Craig Roxburgh**, the director of the policy and evaluation branch of Alberta Education, which is concerned about the dropout problem, was unaware of the homosexual factor. Homosexuality was not even a concern at the guidance and counselling department of Alberta Education. **Dick Kranz**, the coordinator of this department stated that "the word 'homosexuality' does not show up in any of our literature."

The only positive item was discovered to exist in the Calgary Catholic schools where **Tom Harris**, supervisor of Religious Education Curriculum, explained that a formal directive to teachers existed with respect to homosexuality. Gays and lesbians are not to be condemned, however this is of limited value as they are expected to be "celibate for life."

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It would be easy to blame professionals for "not knowing", which would not be the first time this has happened in gay history. It must be remembered, however, that educators would be more uncomfortable with the idea of homosexuality that most of us were before we came out. Yet, all the professionals interviewed were quite willing to discuss homosexuality and its related problems, and did so with great honesty.

Some even requested having gays and lesbians talk to educators about the problems gay and lesbian youth experience. They were also supportive of the idea of lesbians and gays forming an organization dedicated to supplying information and support to educators in Alberta. Such an organization does not exist, yet it is greatly needed.

In the August issue of *AGLP*, part two of this series will explore the many facets of homophobia in education and its negative consequences for gay and lesbian youth.

Anyone interested in forming a gay and lesbian organization focused on helping educators deal with the gay and lesbian youth situation can call AGLP. Leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

BARS, CLUBS & PUBS

MONDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Discomania
TRAX – Games Day

TUESDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO/REKROOM – Pre Trax Party
TRAX – Men's Knight
OFF CENTRE – DJ 8 pm to close

WEDNESDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Wacko Wednesdays
TRAX – Line Dance Lessons 9 – 11pm
318 – Wildly Wicked Wednesdays

THURSDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO/REKROOM – Buddy Nite
TRAX – Miss Kitty's Bingo Parlour 8–11pm
318 – Animal Knight
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 8 pm
GREEN DOLPHIN STREET – Live Jazz 7 – 11 pm

FRIDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Dance till 4 am.
TRAX – Business Men's Happy Hour
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 9 pm
GREEN DOLPHIN STREET – Live Jazz 7 – 11 pm

SATURDAYS
BOYSTOWN: METRO – Dance till 4 am.
TRAX – Karaoke 10 pm –1 am
318 – B.B.Q. 5 – 8 pm
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 9 pm
GREEN DOLPHIN STREET – Live Jazz 7 – 11 pm
318 – Patio Days BBQ 5 – 7 pm.

SUNDAYS
318 – B.B.Q. & Various Shows. Call 228–7999
OFF CENTRE – D.J. Starts at 9 pm

Community Events Calendar

Monday July 1

TRAX – Canada Day Party
318 – Canada Day Party

EDMONTON
Visual AIDS through to July 10 at Metropolitan Centre, Phoenix Theatre, and Flashback.

Wednesday July 3

CONNEXIONS – Dinner/coffee social at Off Centre, 7:00 pm.

Thursday July 4

DIGNITY – Liturgy and dinner out. Call 246–4036
TRAX – Celebrates USA Independance Day, Live Entertainment with Jeff Miller 10 pm. 11:30 pm and 1 am.
318 – Celebrates USA Independance Day

Friday July 5

BOYSTOWN – Leather and Levi night
OFF CENTRE – Live entertainment by Jeanie and Moe through July 14
TRAX – Stampede Brunch 12 pm. Dancers at 4 and 7 pm. Live Entertainment with Jeff Miller 10 pm. 11:30 pm and 1 am.

TRUCK: AN ARTIST RUN CENTRE – Andy Fabo Exhibition through July 28. Opening at 8 pm.

Saturday July 6

TRAX – Live Entertainment with Jeff Miller 10 pm. 11:30 pm and 1 am.

Sunday July 7

REKROOM – Live entertainment by The Boomerangs 5 – 8 pm.
ISCCA/BOYSTOWN – Cow Patti contest and party 11 pm.
TRAX – Open at 4 pm.
318 – Ms. Gay Show with Erin Whitney Blake 11 pm.

Tuesday July 9

NEW GALLERY – Paul McLaren opening, 8 pm.
P–FLAG – Barbeque, 6:30 pm. Call 282–6592

Wednesday July 10

BOYSTOWN – Justine and Ty's Country Show
318 – Stampede Buns Contest

July

Thursday July 11

TRAX – Mr. Prime Grade Contest starts at Midnight

Friday July 12

REKROOM – Mr. Alberta Drummer meet and greet 10 pm.

Saturday July 13

CLUB CALGARY/BOYSTOWN – Mr. Alberta Drummer Contest.
TRAX – Karaoke Contest 10 pm.

EDMONTON
AIDS NETWORK – Safe sex workshop for men. 12:45 pm, ANE office.

Sunday July 14

CLUB CALGARY/REKROOM – Victory Brunch 1 pm.
ISCCA/OFF CENTRE – Stampede show and BBQ 5 – 8 pm.
318 – Golden Gals Show 11 pm.
BOYSTOWN – Strip–a–rama, a benefit for AIDS Calgary
GAY FATHERS – Pot–Luck dinner and meeting 4:30 pm. Call 246–4036
TRAX – Stampede Survivors Party 4 pm.

New Educational/Support Group

If enough people are interested, groups for lesbian women who are survivors of abusive relationships or those who are abusive to their partners will be set up this fall through the Pastoral Institute. If you are interested, please contact Gay Lines Calgary or Lesbian Information Lines before August.

Wednesday July 17

ISCCA/318 – Mr. and Ms. Gay Swimsuit Contest

Saturday July 20

CAMP 181 – Stampede Dance, 7:30 pm.

Sunday July 21

318 – Sasquatch Sisters "Dick Madonna" 11 pm.
BOYSTOWN – Mr. and Ms. Gay candidate show

Monday July 22

318 – Pool Tournament Commences

Saturday July 27

BOYSTOWN – Mr. and Ms. Gay out–of–town show

Sunday July 28

ISCCA – Mr. and Ms. Gay Calgary Pageant at the Banke

Monday July 29

318 – Pool Tournament, round two of six.

WEEKLY EVENTS

TUESDAYS

AL–ANON – Colonel Belcher Hospital, 8 pm. Call Ben 277–8360 or Debbie 263–9615
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGERS – M.C.C. Hall, 7:30 pm. Call 242–0081

WEDNESDAYS

ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS CLUB OF CALGARY – Eau Clair Y, 6:00 pm
APOLLO CALGARY – Slow Pitch, Ecole St.Ann School, 6:30pm, 1010 21 Ave S.E. Call Jordan 245–5076
MOUNT ROYAL LESBIAN AND GAY COLLECTIVE – Room 301, Wyckman House. Call 240–3228
CHINOOK CITY DANCE CLUB – Square Dance Lessons. Call Gay Lines

THURSDAYS

LESBIAN INFORMATION LINES – Coffee House every 2nd & 4th Thursday. RAP GROUP every 1st and 3rd Thursday 7:30 – 9:30 pm, Old Y Common Room

FRIDAYS

GAY LINES/CONNEXION – 8 – 10 pm, for Gay and Bisexual Men
LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH CALGARY – Newcomers' meeting, 7 – 10 pm

SATURDAYS

LESBIAN & GAY YOUTH CALGARY – meets each 2nd and 4th Saturday
ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS – Track Training 10 am. Call 234–8973

SUNDAYS

ALLELUIA M.C.C. – Worship service at 7:30 pm, Old Y Common Room
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH – Worship service, 11 am
ALPINE FRONTRUNNERS – Eau Clair YMCA, 11 am

MISC. DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY, MEETINGS

GAY AND LESBIAN A.A. – Meetings every evening except Sundays. Call 265–8888

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CLUB CALGARY

June, 1991 Volume 01, Number 09

EVENTS CALENDAR

July ?? - *Bike Run, maybe rescheduled to late July*
July 13 - *Mr. Alberta Drummer, Boystown: Metro*
August 17 - *Hot August Night, Jockstrap / Uniform Night*
September 21 - *Indian Summer*
October 19 - *Annual General Meeting*

MR. ALBERTA DRUMMER 1991

FRIDAY JULY 12 - Meet & Greet 10:00 pm
SATURDAY JULY 13 - Mr. Alberta Drummer 8:00 pm
SUNDAY JULY 14 - Victory Brunch, Boystown:Metro 1:00 pm

Ticket Order Form

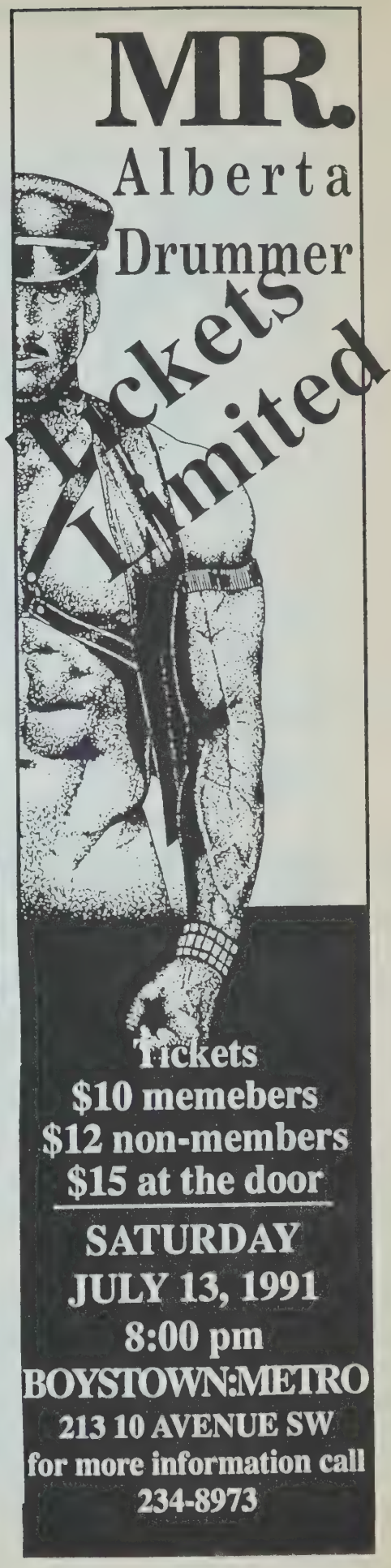
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From the President:

To the caring people of Calgary. I am pleased to announce that the The "S.H.A.R.P." Foundation has now opened its third house in Calgary. Why? seems to be the big question.

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Group living arrangements have proven invaluable to persons after being diagnosed with the HIV/AIDs virus.

The homes have lost their first two residents through deaths, but this has made the homes stronger in their commitment to provide for those still living.

The foundation is presently working on the "Forest Lawn Project" which would see a ten bed extended care home set up and operating in the fall for persons with mobility problems, or in need of assistance in their daily lives.

The foundation is also working on an Apartment building for independent living within a group. proposed for early 1992.

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July – 7

"COWPATTI STEPDOWN & PARTY"
"BOYSTOWN" 11 PM

July – 14

"BBQ & STAMPEDE SHOW"
"OFF CENTRE" 5 – 8 PM

July – 28

"MR & MS GAY CALGARY PAGENT"
AT THE "BANKE"

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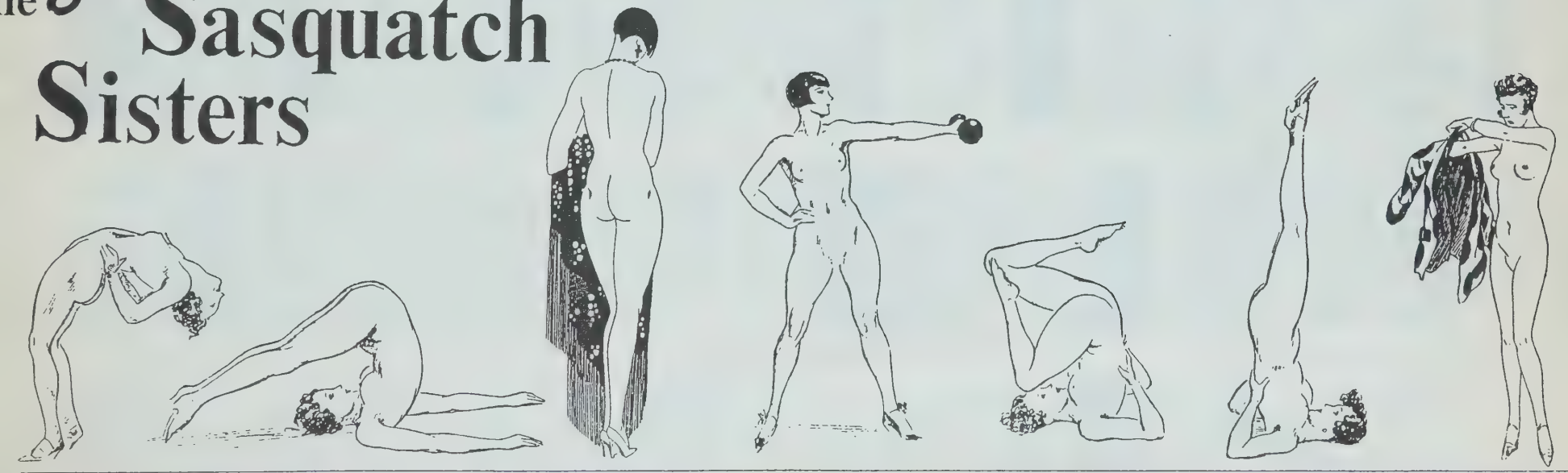


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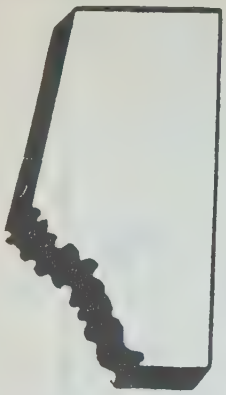
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Native Outreach Program
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AIDS Network of Edmonton Society
2nd Flr 10704 108 St. T5H 3A3 (403) 424-4767 Info Line 429-2437

Edmonton Persons Living with HIV Society
(403) 424-8453

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(403) 538-3388

JASPER

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LETHBRIDGE

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(403) 328-8186

RED DEER

Central Alberta AIDS Network Society
(Red Deer Health Unit) 2845 Bremner Ave. T4R 1S2
(403) 241-2128

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Calgary T2P 2J3

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Calgarians Networking Club
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CLUB Calgary
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Gay Lines Calgary
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(403) 234-8973

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Imperial Sovereign Court of the Chinook Arch (ISCCA) P.O. Box 21020 Place Concord PO 609 8 St. S.W. T2P 4B5

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(403) 262–1626

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Lesbian Mothers Defense Fund c/o L.I.L.
(403) 265–9458

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255 5 Ave. S.W. T2P 3H2

Rocky Mountain Singers
Box 34034
Westbrook P.O.
Calgary T3C 3W0
Luke 242–0081,
Angela 244–9132

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(403) Liz @ 489–7998 or Barry @ 469–4286

Gays and Lesbians on Campus (GALOC)
(University of Alberta)
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LETHBRIDGE

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Lethbridge.

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Metropolitan Community Church of Calgary
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Dignity Edmonton
(403) 469–4286

Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton
12530 110 Ave.
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1211 1 St. S.W.
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Thoughts From The Lavender Door

Straight Talk About Sex

By Trish Stenson & Anne Taylor
Calgary

SEX... what a small word to hold so much meaning. Its size is certainly no real reflection of the impact these three letters have.

If you want to create an air of tension, anxiety and general discomfort, just start talking about sex. For some people, the mention of the word will create a physical reaction (red face, increased heart rate, sweating, etc.), not to mention emotional reactions which range from excitement to complete fear. These responses take many forms, including giggles, mild discomfort or dissociation. Sometimes we get crude about it and other times we enthusiastically ask questions, genuinely interested in finding out what others people's experiences with sex are, and being relieved to have the opportunity to do so.

How is it that such a small word has so much impact on our world? There is little question that this three-letter word has been historically a taboo subject. For gay men and lesbians, the taboo reality is heightened. Very often our sexuality is defined by others, and sometimes by us, by what we do sexually. It is the same gender sexual activity which is condemned and dismissed as perverse. The multi-faceted reality of our relationships are basically ignored. The affection, intimacy and communication we share is not a particulary intense bone of contention. Those issues are rarely considered when homosexuality is discussed. One protester at the Gay Pride Rally stated that homosexuality is a selfish kind of love, seeking only pleasure. I guess those thoughts follow in the "if it's not for procreation it's not okay" perspective. There are a lot of heterosexuals who would be equally condemned by that line of thinking. This perspective virtually ignores the profound caring and emotional love shared between same gender individuals. It further reflects a larger societal discomfort in acknowledging our sexual selves.

This reality leaves us in a double jeopardy. The societal taboo around sex in general and the pervasive condemnation of homosexuality creates little opportunity to feel comfortable and safe in talking openly about sex. You may ask, do we need to do so? Shouldn't what happens in the privacy of one's home remain private? What is to be gained by talking about sex (besides an increased heart rate?) Much like any taboo subject, there is much to be gained by breaking silence. In doing so we can confront the myths and discover the realities around this healthy aspect of our human lives. In maintaining the barriers to direct communication about sex, we are trapped in the range of emotions that this facet of our lives involves. We are denied the opportunity to be relieved of the shame we often experience with regard to sex, no matter what our orientation is.

Sex is a normal healthy part of our lives, whether we are sexually active, coupled, single or celibate. Our sexuality is an integral feature of our humanness. It compliments our emotional, psychological, physical, cultural, social and spiritual selves. From this perspective, sex (the activity) is a behavior reflecting only one part of who we are. When all is well sexually, we pay little or no attention to the importance of sex. However, should a 'problem' arise in this area, it can become an all consuming issue. In a society where well entrenched taboos exist, it is unlikely we can express our sexual selves without some moments of turmoil. Add this to the widespread reality of sexual abuse and the issue becomes, at best, intense.

It is unlikely that we can live our lives without confronting sexual issues. As homo "sexuals", there is even greater pressure to maintain silence and resist any desire or need to openly discuss our concerns, or even to admit we have any. It is quite normal for couples, over the years, to establish certain patterns of sexual behavior. If we are uncomfortable or unfamiliar with open discussion about our likes, dislikes, fears and emotions regarding sex, our communication with our partners is significantly impacted. Then there's the issue of sexual difficulties, including differences in desire levels, difficulties around orgasms and ejaculation, impact of stress and other issues such as addictions and sexual abuse. It is critical in addressing these difficulties to be able to talk and respond in a supportive and nurturing way.

Sex is a normal healthy part of our lives, whether we are sexually active, coupled, single or celibate.

As gay and lesbian people, we need to assess our own individual areas of discomfort. We need to seperate the judgements made by bigots and the uninformed, and we need to begin open communication with our partners and each other about our sexual wants and needs. As a community, we need to celebrate the "Joy of Gay and Lesbian Sex". We need to celebrate our "humanness" with dignity and pride.

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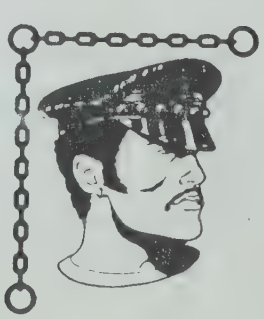
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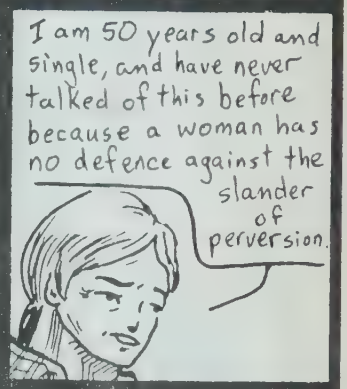
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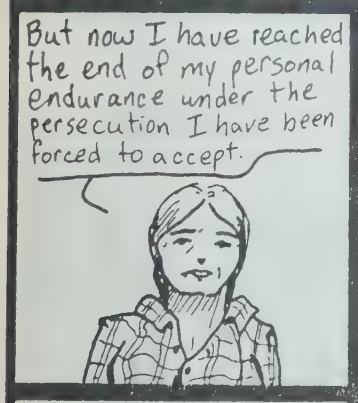
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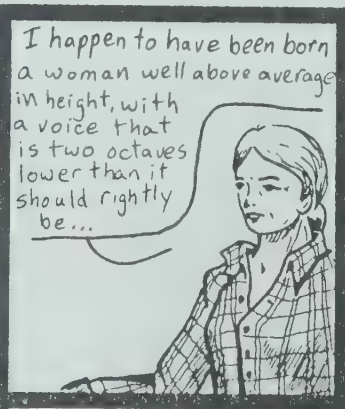
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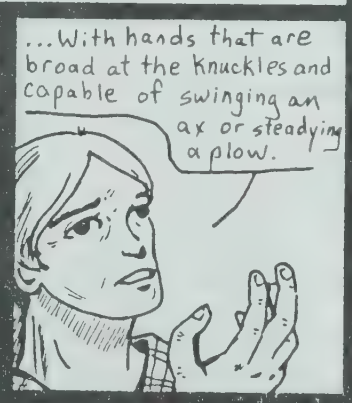
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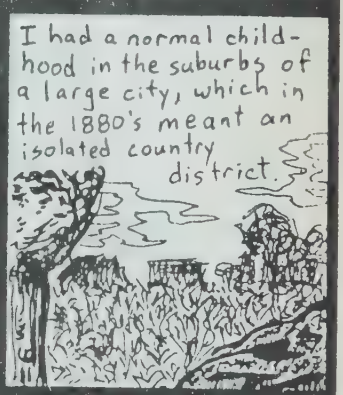
I was born with the belief that between two women there might be sincere affection and sympathetic understanding. Schoolgorl attachments were precious to me; the loyalty of feminine friends and my mother's was unquestioned. As a child, I read with admiration of the heroic female friendships of history.
I was eighteen before I learned that thoughtless remarks could blast a normal companionship and make it a shameful thing. Public opinion, formed by cheap medical reprints and tabloid gossip, dubbed such women lesbians, such affection and understanding destructive...



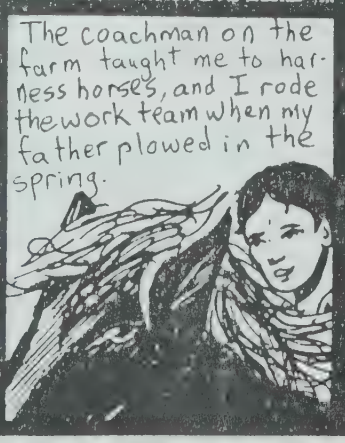




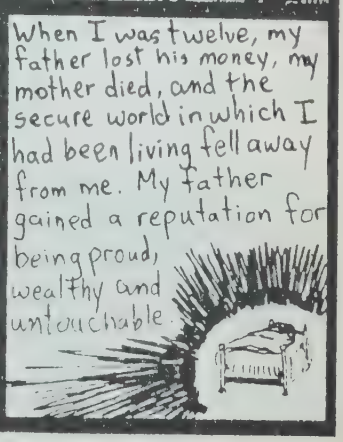













In reality, he had become too poor to mix with the neighbors. The one or two boys who came to the house to see me he refused admittance.
Social conditions in those days were vastly different from those of today. Women ambitious for business careers were marked as curiosities.
Girls with whom I had played returned from finishing schools. I don't think I envied them, but I know I was lonely.
I came into contact with a girl whom I admired because her wealth bought her so much freedom.
She had been educated in a high-grade Southern school, and had just returned from an extensive European tour.
She was a gay, vivacious little thing, witty and voluble. Why she sought my company, I didn't Know.
And then she told me of Lesbianism.
She had a hard time making me understand what she meant. This was beyond my scope of comprehension.
All I knew of sex. Came from my father's books and the basement walls of the public schools. It had nothing to say of the perverted love of one woman for another.
When this girl plainly stated she was sure that I belonged with her and her friends, I was filled with terror and loathing.
The next morning I ran away.
I went to a neighboring city, hoping to find there a chance for individual progress as a normal woman.
In the city, I lived in a girl's club, a high, old-fashioned brick mansion. I had $10 a week and a bad case of fright.
At night I studied in art school and by day I sold Bibles by house-to-house canvassing.
HOLY BIBLE
One morning I was awakened by the sound of muffled sobs in the adjoining room. That night, when I came in from work, the girls were standing in hushed groups.
The girl next door to me, the tall, slim Canadian, had commited suicide.

I remembered my neighbor's roommate, a silly blonde who ran around in a dishevelled pink negligee. Where was she?

"Flora was married last week," answered a girl bluntly. "Ann couldn't live without her."

I moved, this time to a small apartment. I avoided the other roomers and enjoyed complete isolation.

I had been able to work in the publicity field, and had no time to worry about my lack of social contact. The job was enough.

I was cautious. I found the idea of Lesbians lurking hidden here and there, particularly among men who had lost business opportunities to women.

Then, too, I discovered that a certain type of woman was to be feared and avoided.

One day, a business contact resented a lunch engagement I had with an old friend. "What is this woman to you?" she demanded. "Are you married to her?"

I quit, leaving her with what was left of the business.

During the war period of flaming youth and few scruples, Lesbianism became a common topic for conversation.

About this time a woman for whom I had a very deep affection called me and made a dinner appointment at a small restaurant far from home.

Recently I had heard rumors of a growing maladjustment in her marriage.

When I met her, she was distraught. After nervous preliminaries, she bared her soul in a deadly, monotonous voice.

She told me that her husband believed her to have shared a "perverted friendship" with a devoted woman friend who was now dead.

How could I help her? What defense did she have against the accusation? I talked to her for hours and hours and left her, I vainly hoped, with a new faith in herself. She shot herself not long afterward.

I was in line for a major business position. My boss was a woman. I worked hard for the job; I was qualified to hold it.

One day I inadvertantly entered my superior's office while she was in a conference too personal in nature to bear intrusion.

Nevertheless, I was given an unexpected chance at the coveted job.

I spent sleepless nights walking the streets of Chicago, and I decided always to have a stenographer with me in the office when the woman made her daily visits.

I should have resigned before the stress made my health break down, but that job was the culmination of years of hard work, and I had grown tired of running away.

I went to a nerve specialist who, on discovering my pay envelope was in danger, sent me to a clinic.

The clinic was dominated by a man who experimented with the human mind. He needed examples to prove his theories.

At the clinic, I was X-rayed, and had blood tests made.

I was tired and growing angry when I was put in the charge of a woman doctor who rapidly asked me a list of questions.

Was I tired? Was I born with my deep voice? Were my relatives large? Was my mother a normal woman? How many children had she? What were my reactions to women?

Half the time I didn't know what she was asking. What did I know of my mother other than that she was always near me? Of course I loved her.

And of course I loved my women friends and wished them well. And what did I know of the voice with which I was born?

As I grew sullen, barely answering her, she became sharper and more eager. "Every answer I give you you are using for some purpose of your own," I protested.

She smiled at my anger and continued her monotonous list. But I stuck it out, believing the clinic would help me.

When the woman finished with her questions, she told me this man would see me immediately.

She took me to the lecture hall and seated me under an arc light. All about in the shadowy, tiered seats men sat watching me.

Then the head doctor began to talk, and I realized he was talking about me.

He said my heart was too steady, my shoulders too broad, my weight too great and my voice too deep. My thyroid was apparently deficient, and my adrenals overactive.


Unfortunately, I said my organs functioned normally, but then I might not be aware of what normal function should be.
I was a woman, he said, who must be made over if she were to be of value.
He could do this if given time -- physically make me more feminine. In fact, he could make me a normal woman -- at some future date.
I looked at those faces hemming me in. If I spoke, my deep voice would betray me.
If I let my anger flare up, it would be my adrenal glands; if I made a protest, it would be brushed aside.
The man desired to make his theories real; I was to be one of his ultimate experiments.
Finally another man came down out of the crowd and took me away. "I am sorry," he said, "you can go now if you wish."
I left that clinic at noon.
Following this, I went to a doctor who had taken care of me when a child, who knew me better than I did myself.
He shook me by the shoulders. "So they are going to change you -- to make you over, are they? Well don't let them! Get out of the city and away from these people!"
So I ran away again, this time searching for the most isolated spot I could find.
I bought a farm in Canada where sophisticated city people would not be able to reach me.
For ten years, I lived on this farm, where my associates were those who seemed to find my determined fight for existance something to be admired.
Four years ago, the depression took away my small margin of financial security, and I was forced to return to the cities.
I started again as I had 30 years ago, selling books door to door.
ULYSSES
JAMES JOYCE
It was the rainy season, and doors were opened to me because I was tired and wet. I came into women's houses, a stranger.

During these hours, I learned more of a woman's secrets than her husband or sweetheart ever knew.

The word "Lesbian" was never used, although I learned much of abortions, malformed children and the shortcomings of men.

In the suburbs, I discovered that women had grown wise in a queer, abnormal way.

In the 30 years that had elapsed, their attitude had become expectant, and their eyes held often a glistening look that I feared.

"Are you a man or woman?" one asked bluntly. "I am very lonely here."

Did I run away? Not this time. I laughed and sold her my books, knowing she would never open them, then walked down her steps with a check and a date I never kept.

The last four years have been the hardest I have lived. I must constantly fight against an overwhelming disgust with humanity.

I have sold books as a canvasser, diamond rings on the installment plan to laborers. I have been an art student and an illustrator.

I have lived in Bohemian centers and in summer art colonies. I once became involved in a women's political organization.

I know how to swing an ax, of farm machinery and automobiles. I also know perfumes, the best silk stockings and the price of a permanent wave.

Somewhere I acquired knowledge of the proper feeding of children and their necessary education.

I never learned to spell.

Does this make me a Lesbian?

"Must I strip my body to prove I am a normal woman? What more can I do than strip my soul naked in an attempt to protect other innocent individuals who, like myself, refuse much that would be of service to humanity because that same humanity will not let them be normal?"

-- **Marion Joyce**, 1938.

"Flight from Slander"

--Marion Joyce's exploration of self-discovery first appeared in the August 1938 issue of Forum.

Thank you and good afternoon,

--Joey Sayer 10-90, 06-91

PARENTS' CORNER

Moving In Together

By Daphne Fox
Calgary

Having recently survived a move which combined two households into one family, I am finally sitting at my beloved computer with the warm sun beckoning me outdoors; but alas, a deadline looms. I'm finding it such a relief that my computer no longer dominates the living room and that I actually have an office door which I can close. I am no longer trying to weave words with KIDS IN MY FACE. A luxury indeed, but even more valuable is being able to see my children in a different light, through the eyes of my partner; and to see my partner through theirs -- a whole new perspective on life almost.

My partner's relationship with my children, and their respective relationships with her, have undergone many subtle and not so subtle changes in a very short period of time. The task of moving is difficult for both children and adults at the best of times; and even more so, when a third party is introduced into the scenario. The children aren't sure where they fit in or what their respective roles are in this new "family".

I believe that in some ways, the transition was easier for us. We found ways to relieve any tensions that were building during the process of packing and moving by "acting out" in child-like ways. In defrosting the freezer, we "inadvertantly" stuffed ice inside one another's T-shirts and ran around the place shrieking with laughter. In some cases, we carried the

game on to include the children in such stress-releasers as the "tickle-fest".

My children are very fond of my partner and she cares about them, but that fact makes the adjustment only a little easier. For example, I am so accustomed to having toast crumbs in the margarine, and bond-fast rivulets of honey on the sides of the honey jar, that I just shrug it off. But she isn't! And doesn't! And playing hopscotch over boxes to reach the toaster only to discover that the cutlery isn't in the box you're sure you packed it in is enough to make you question your own sanity. These numerous irritations and frustrations piled on top of exhaustion and the disarray of boxes and disassembled furniture could turn even the most mild-mannered person into a major grump.

As with every other move I've ever made, there are those certain belongings you decide *must* be left behind. My son was forced to part with his pet snakes, a rapidly expanding collection of garter and/or other assorted snakes which he had housed in ice cream pails in his bedroom. He sold the largest and most attractive snake (a "ribbon" snake as he called it), and somehow managed to prevail upon the sympathy of the mothers of various buddies to take the rest off his hands.

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We also endured another parting with this move. We arrived for yet another load at "the old place" to discover a pile of window screens sitting on the grass beside the fence. We had been broken into while we were gone. Over $600.00 worth of tapes and Nintendo games were stolen, all of which belonged to the children. The packing took on a certain hurried tension from that point on.

Despite everything, the children did manage to help us out a great deal. We put them to work moving lighter boxes from the main floor to the appropriate upper or lower rooms. Both also assisted with the unloading of boxes and smaller items from the cars. And one cloudy morning, my daughter awakened us with a breakfast tray of sweetened cereal, cinnamon toast and brown cows. Although a few more hours of sleep would have been deeply appreciated, we acknowledged that it was a very *SWEET* gesture on her part.

By the final load, my son had replaced his snakes with a nest of newly hatched robins. These tiny, naked chicks, four in all, stretched forward with beaks open wide and heads quivering on scrawny necks. The story that the mother had died was a zinger aimed straight at my heart and the kids knew it. So with four new additions to the family, we set off for our new home. And lo and behold, my partner, alias "Scotties Little Softie" (and I thought I was bad!), was out in the flower bed in the early a.m. (in her housecoat yet) digging up worms for the babies' breakfast.

Once the "moving" part was completed and the "settling in" phase had begun, we realized it was essential that we attempt to salvage what was left of our collective sanity. We decided to take off for the day to the mountains and leave the boxes for another day.

Off we headed with kids and chicks and spades and a pail, as well as fixings for a cook-out. En route we had to make a few stops, the first for my hysterical daughter to change her clothes because she had been the recipient of one of the baby bird's "deposits".

The next stop was to bury the first of the chicks to die. A second funeral occurred on the way back.

Despite all our best efforts, the remaining birds had expired by the following morning.

But we did make it through the move.

And I swear to God, as long as I live... *I NEVER WANT TO MOVE AGAIN!!*

HAPPY PARENTING -- ***Daphne.***

THE PLAZA and THE PRINCESS

The **PLAZA** is Calgary's repertory theatre, located at 1133 Kensington Rd. N.W.

The **PRINCESS** is Edmonton's repertory theatre located at 10337 Whyte Ave.

▼ signifies possible interest to lesbian/gay audience, * signifies premiere admission prices.

TUESDAY JULY 2

PLAZA
▼ 7:00 pm **LA CAGE AUX FOLLES**
9:15 pm ***THE SLEAZY UNCLE**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **THE WRONG BOX**
9:30 pm **THE VANISHING** (Holland, 1991)

WEDNESDAY JULY 3

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***THE SLEAZY UNCLE**
9:15 pm **WOMEN IN LOVE**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **OUR MAN IN HAVANA**
9:30 pm **THE VANISHING**

THURSDAY JULY 4

PLAZA
7:00 pm **WOMEN IN LOVE**
9:45 pm ***THE SLEAZY UNCLE**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **ONCE AROUND**
9:30 pm **BLADE RUNNER**

FRIDAY JULY 5

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***THE SLEAZY UNCLE**
▼ 9:15 pm **HENRY AND JUNE**
Midnight **A BOY AND HIS DOG**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **AWAKENINGS**
9:30 pm **ONCE AROUND**

SATURDAY JULY 6

PLAZA
▼ 7:00 pm **HENRY AND JUNE**
9:45 pm ***THE SLEAZY UNCLE**
Midnight **A BOY AND HIS DOG**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **THE GRIFTERS**
9:30 pm **AWAKENINGS**

SUNDAY JULY 7

PLAZA
1:30 pm ***THE SLEAZY UNCLE**
▼ 3:45 pm **HENRY AND JUNE**
7:00 pm ***THE SLEAZY UNCLE**
9:15 pm **Fellini's ROMA** (Italy, 1972)

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **AWAKENINGS**
9:30 pm **THE GRIFTERS**

MONDAY JULY 8

PLAZA
7:00 pm **GONE WITH THE WIND**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **MEN DON'T LEAVE**
9:30 pm **THE KRAYS**

TUESDAY JULY 9

PLAZA
7:00 pm **MAMA, THERE'S A MAN IN YOUR BED** (France, 1989)
9:15 pm Members Reduced Adm. **IF**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **THE MISSION**
9:30 pm **ALICE**

WEDNESDAY JULY 10

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER** (Iran, 1989)
9:15 pm **MAMA, THERE'S A MAN IN YOUR BED**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD**
9:30 pm **AFTER DARK, MY SWEET**

THURSDAY JULY 11

PLAZA
7:00 pm Members Reduced Adm. **NIJINSKY**
9:30 pm ***BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **L.A. STORY**
9:00 pm Members Reduced Adm. **THE SHELTERING SKY**

FRIDAY JULY 12

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER**
9:30 pm **1990 CANNES/VENICE AD FESTIVAL**
Midnight **SILENCE OF THE LAMBS**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **MR. AND MRS. BRIDGE**
9:30 pm **L.A. STORY**

SATURDAY JULY 13

PLAZA
7:00 pm **1990 CANNES/VENICE AD FESTIVAL**
9:30 pm ***BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER**
Midnight **SILENCE OF THE LAMBS**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT**
9:30 pm **MR. AND MRS. BRIDGE**

SUNDAY JULY 14

PLAZA
1:30 pm ***BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER**
3:45 pm **1990 CANNES/VENICE AD FESTIVAL**
7:00 pm ***BASHU, THE LITTLE STRANGER**
▼ 9:15 pm Members Reduced Adm. **MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **MR. AND MRS. BRIDGE**
9:30 pm **JESUS OF MONTREAL** (Canada, 1989)

MONDAY JULY 15

PLAZA
7:00 pm Members Reduced Adm. **THE THREE STOOGES**
9:15 pm **GUILTY BY SUSPICION**

PRINCESS
6:45 pm **A DELICATE BALANCE**
9:30 pm **THE BRITISH ANIMATION INVASION**

TUESDAY JULY 16

PLAZA
7:00 pm **GUILTY BY SUSPICION**
9:15 pm Members Reduced Adm. **DIVA** (France 1982)

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **ROBIN AND MARIAN**
9:30 pm **THE BRITISH ANIMATION INVASION**

WEDNESDAY JULY 17

PLAZA
7:00 pm * **TATIE DANIELLE** (France 1990)
9:30 pm * **THE KILLER** (Hong Kong 1989)

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **GREGORY'S GIRL**
9:00 pm **SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY**

THURSDAY JULY 18

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***THE KILLER**
9:30 pm ***TATIE DANIELLE**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **GUILTY BY SUSPICION**
9:30 pm **DEAD RINGERS**

FRIDAY JULY 19

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***TATIE DANIELLE**
9:30 pm **VINCENT AND THEO**
Midnight ***THE KILLER**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **1990 CANNES COMMERCIALS**
9:00 pm **GUILTY BY SUSPICION**

SATURDAY JULY 20

PLAZA
7:00 pm **VINCENT AND THEO**
9:45 pm ***TATIE DANIELLE**
Midnight ***THE KILLER**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **1990 CANNES COMMERCIALS**
9:00 pm **THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING**

SUNDAY JULY 21

PLAZA
1:30 pm ***TATIE DANIELLE**
3:45 pm Members Reduced Adm. **AMADEUS**
7:00 pm ***TATIE DANIELLE**
9:30 pm **VINCENT AND THEO**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **1990 CANNES COMMERCIALS**
9:00 pm **BRAZIL**

MONDAY JULY 22

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***JU DOU** (China, 1990)
9:15 pm **THE KRAYS**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **SINGIN' IN THE RAIN**
9:30 pm **1990 CANNES COMMERCIALS**

TUESDAY JULY 23

PLAZA
7:00 pm **THE KRAYS**
9:30 pm ***JU DOU**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD**
9:30 pm **BYE BYE BRAZIL**

WEDNESDAY JULY 24

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***JU DOU**
9:15 pm **POWAQQATSI**

PRINCESS
▼ 6:45 pm **MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON**
9:30 pm **FILLINI SATYRICON**

THURSDAY JULY 25

PLAZA
7:00 pm **POWAQQATSI**
9:00 pm ***JU DOU**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD**
9:30 pm **DEFENDING YOUR LIFE**

FRIDAY JULY 26

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***JU DOU**
9:30 pm **HIDDEN AGENDA**
Midnight **AKIRA**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **DEFENDING YOUR LIFE**
9:30 pm **ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD**

SATURDAY JULY 27

PLAZA
7:00 pm **HIDDEN AGENDA**
9:30 pm ***JU DOU**
Midnight **AKIRA**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **CINEMA PARADISO**
9:30 pm **THE RUSSIA HOUSE**

SUNDAY JULY 28

PLAZA
1:30 pm ***JU DOU**
3:30 pm **HIDDEN AGENDA**
7:00 pm ***JU DOU**
9:15 pm **AKIRA**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **THE RUSSIA HOUSE**
▼ 9:30 pm **HENRY AND JUNE**

MONDAY JULY 29

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***IMPROMPTU**
9:30 pm Members Reduced Adm. **Polanski's MACBETH**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **BETRAYAL**
9:00 pm **LOST IN AMERICA**

TUESDAY JULY 30

PLAZA
7:00 pm **EINSTEIN'S UNIVERSE**
9:30 pm ***IMPROMPTU**

PRINCESS
7:30 pm **AMADEUS**

WEDNESDAY JULY 31

PLAZA
7:00 pm ***IMPROMPTU**
9:30 pm **EINSTEIN'S UNIVERSE**

PRINCESS
7:00 pm **84 CHARING CROSS ROAD**
9:30 pm **MEAN STREETS**

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Attractive GWM, mid-thirties, tall and well-built, seeks tall (6"+), large, muscular, non-smoking, somewhat aggressive male to become lovers, friends and exercise partners with. My interests vary from music to camping, languages to sports. I am partial toward genuine uniformed law enforcement officers, real cowboys/ranchers, and military officers. Photo appreciated, confidentiality guaranteed. Really like men 35-48 years old. Respond to **AGLP Box 59.**

Gay male, 18, looking for same (18-24). I'm looking for someone who's sensitive and caring. Someone who enjoys going out to the bar and having a good time, or even staying home holding hands and being close. if you enjoy romantic dinners and slow dancing; if you have values and believe in friends before lovers, please reply. Photos appreciated/returned. No drug-users please. Reply to **AGLP Box 60.**

Desperately seeking Lady Chic. Contact Rekroom – Louise.

Gay male seeks gay male roomate for downtown. Call 229-9783.

Gay teen living with HIV. I'm 19 years-old and enjoy life, partying, camping, the bar and quiet evenings at home. I'm looking for someone more my age to grow with and care for. This man must be attractive, slim, fun loving and romantic. Open to any race but please, no fems, goody-goodies, or old men. Number and photo if possble. Reply to **AGLP Box 66.** (Red Deer.)

GWM, 34, brown hair, blue eyes, med. build, many talents and interests incl. outdoors, arts, entertaining, meeting new friends. Relationship possible with compatible male. Seeking similar 25-40 with joix de vive and chutzpah. Someone to compliment, not complicate, control or change my life. Substance abusers, shallow personalities need not reply. I have a cat. **AGLP Box 67.**

Comtex Kitty computer, 286, 40 meg. hard drive, 12 MHZ, 1 MG Ram, 1.2 MG drive, Goldstar mono. screen. Panasonic multi-mode printer. Two years old $1300 OBO. Call 228-2252.

Quasi-professional, politically correct male, well-versed in community work and experienced in volunteer staff management and coordination of non-profit groups seeks employment. Has a wealth of experience, reasonably high-profile. Has enjoyed his involvement in the community over the years, now finds himself DESPERATELY in need of a paycheck each month. The openness as a gay man is important and not negotiable; wage, hours, position, duties are (if necessary). Please reply c/o Gay Lines Calgary, 201 – 223 12 Ave. S.W. Calgary, AB T2R 0G9.

Female room mate wanted to share 3-bedroom condo in N.W. Calgary, Ranchlands area. $350/month includes utilities. Call 239-8519 evenings.

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With thanks,
The Rocky Mountain Singers

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Hunky GWM, professional, works out, enjoys travel, hiking, theatre. Relationship oriented. Seeks non-smoking similar male to 38. Reply to Suite 4057, 918 16 Ave. N.W. Calgary T2M 0K3

Dear Ty Morgan,
I took a big bite much to your delight, but since I'm so light – and you're such a fright – won't you come host my big night?

Love Twiggy.

P.S. Who is Large Marge?

NO!

Gotcha.
Love Ty.

Semi-retired male. physically fit, looking for younger male room mate (35-40). Phone 245-0456.

I am a gay man with 24 years of knowledge and experience of life. 10 years in the gay scene and I understand and know how it works. I am of Spanish, French and British decent. First generation Canadian. I have dark features. I am 5'8", 165 lbs. I have a straight appearance and am described by friends and strangers as hot. I am also told that I have a genuine infectious laugh. I enjoy spending time with friends. I am a sincere, honest and trustworthy person. If you are the man who believes he could have this ad himself, you are a very mature 20 or a young at heart 30, then perhaps we may become friends first. Please respond with a respectable

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descriptive letter including interests, hobbies, likes and dislikes. A recent picture would be appreciated. Respond to **AGLP Box 70.** (Edmonton).

Confidential to the Empress.
Zim Zam Zoom, girl. Right to the moon!!
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GWM, 34, 5'8", 165 lbs, with brown hair and blue eyes. My dream guy is 5'8" or taller and lean, 25-40 years old. Should have his act together but still be able to have fun and not take life too serious. He should also want to be friends before a possible relationship. My interests include dancing, theatre, movies and being with good friends. Druggies or shallow personalities need not reply. Photos appreciated. I have a dog. **AGLP Box 76.**

Vampires suck. Do you? Reply to **AGLP Box 34.**

Montreal, Quebec: GWM, 37, 5' 10", Irish/French background seeks sexy dark-haired farmers, cowboys (men), bushmen, firemen, policement etc... A real man gets me going, so if you are "him" send me a hot photo and a deep letter about your passions and desires to Tim Nugent, P.O. Box 42, Stn M, Montreal Quebec H1V 3L6. I am waiting for that letter!

Slim GWM, 30, looking for slim, GWM. Into conversation, coffee and occasionally the clubs. Friendship with possible relationship. Leathers and fems need not apply. **AGLP Box 75.**

Fun girl late 20's looking for a fun girl age unimportant. Friendship and possible relationship. Let's go for a drink and chat. **AGLP Box 77**

I'm Brandon, 23, 5'11", and the party's on! Awesome dude! I'm a cool, get down, radical brother, livin' in rock and roll land..
As U2 would say, "I'm still searchin for someone" I41 am searchin' read on! If you are straight acting, so straight the world seems round, are between the groovy, hip and radical period of youth (16 - 26 years) and are serious about friends and life as we know it, drop me a line, paragraph, or novel! I will answer all mail, or male, depending... so party on. **AGLP Box 79.**

Oh puh-leeeeease.

Attractive, professional, financially secure gay Asian male, 20's, is searching for similar GWM for friendship and as travel companion to Europe Sept/Oct '91. Interests include music, cooking, quiet walks and romantic get-aways. Photo appreciated with phone/address. **Reply to AGLP Box 81.**

WANTED: Roommate to share 2 BR apartment in Beltline -- Both names on lease. Call Shaun 228-9993

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Gay Oriental–Canadian college graduate, 24, cute, straight–looking and acting, looking for someone who know the values of friendship and good relationship. You must be of age 18 – 28, honest, caring, sensitive, but straight–looking and acting, and maybe with a sense of humour. All replies answered. Photo appreciated/returned. **Reply to AGLP Box 82.**

Love, Truth and Honesty is all this 41 yr old G/W/M is seeking in a relationship. I am 6' tall, blue eyes, light brown (thinning) hair, very athletic, secure, responsible, sensitive, straight–acting and looking, not into drugs or mind games. I enjoy social drinking, camping, fishing, cycling, hockey, racquet sports, chess, cooking, swimming, all types of music (Abba to Yello). Weekend getaways are important to me, evenings out dining with a special person or quiet evenings watching movies or watching the sunset while walking along the river. If you are not hung up on age and are a G/W/M, 20–35, slim, responsible, very clean and neat with similar interest, please reply, photo appreciated and returned. All replies answered. **Reply to AGLP Box 80.**

Obviously all the vampires are in the States. How about werewolves? Reply to **AGLP Box 34.**

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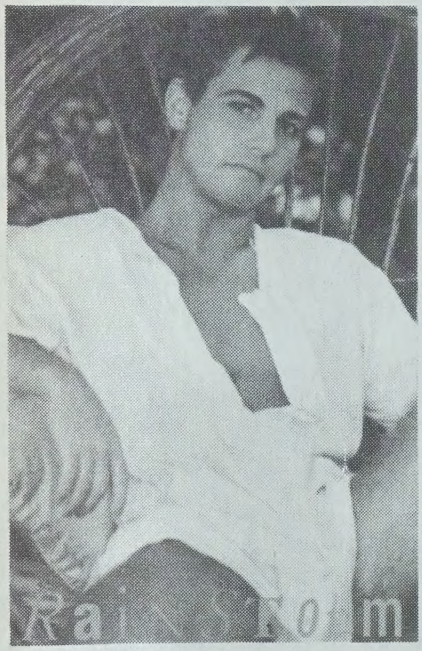
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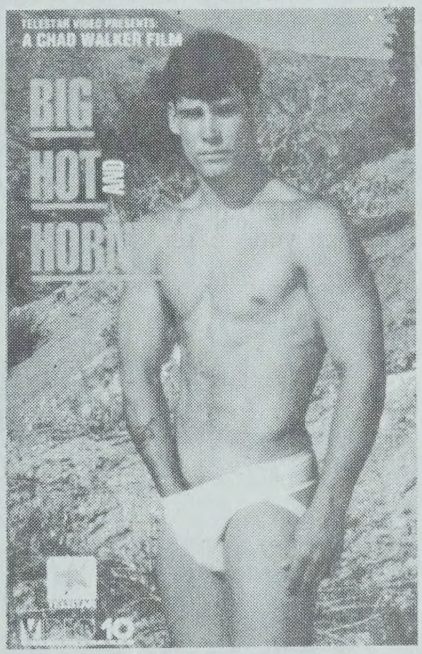
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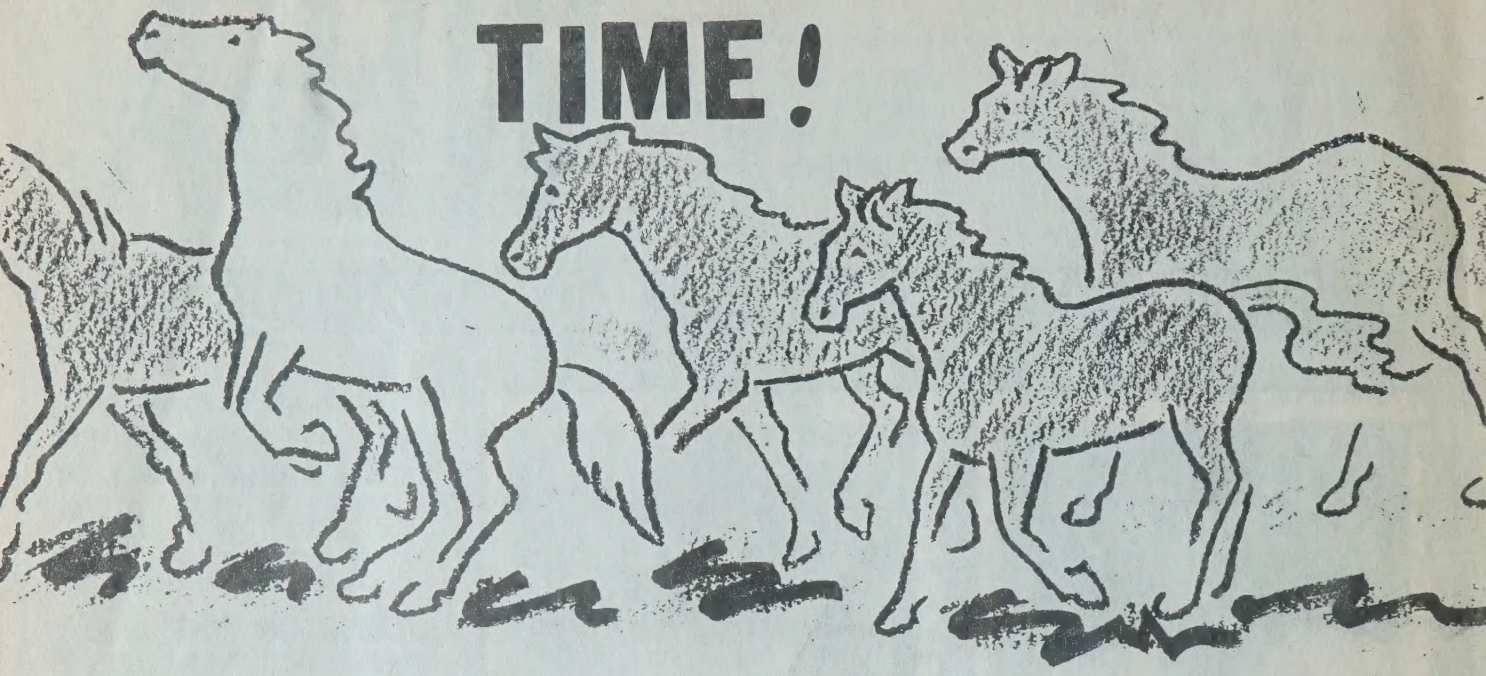
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